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CAP Legislative Day set for March 3

**Week's activities to include ARCHER roll-out,
media demo flights, congressional reception**

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol members will converge on Washington, D.C., during the first week in March for activities that touch many of CAP's major objectives — homeland security, emergency services and citizenship programs.

On the emergency services front, CAP will roll-out its custom-designed ARCHER system, the nation's first operational, large-scale hyperspectral imaging system. ARCHER, which stands for airborne real-time cueing hyperspectral enhanced reconnaissance, allows CAP members to fly over an area and use special cameras to search the ground for objects with a specific “spectral signature.”

CAP will demonstrate this technology, operated from a custom-designed station in a Gippsland GA8 Airvan, for government officials, legislators, members of the CAP National Board and the media during special demonstration flights on Feb. 28 and March 1. On March 2, CAP will hold the official roll-out ceremony for ARCHER, with addresses by CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless, and Col. Drew Alexa, coordinator of CAP's Advanced Technologies Group. Colonel Alexa's all-volunteer group spearheaded the development of ARCHER, working with the Air Force, Naval Research Laborato-

ries, U.S. Army and Coast Guard.

“We're looking forward to this roll-out because ARCHER represents the new face of CAP,” General Wheless said. “Since CAP performed its first missions in 1941, our members have continued to modernize equipment and procedures. As an organization, we've focused on continuously training our volunteer members on the newest technologies in their areas of expertise. This emphasis on training is critical, because the technology of aerial reconnaissance is constantly changing and improving.”

During the roll-out, CAP will also showcase its single-engine Cessna aircraft used in the majority of CAP missions. CAP's satellite-transmitted digital imaging systems (SDIS) are used throughout the country with the many Cessna aircraft in the fleet. Using SDIS, CAP members can capture digital images and send them immediately from the aircraft using an onboard laptop computer and satellite phone.

SDIS missions are typically performed in one of CAP's fleet of 550 single-engine aircraft. During the

rollout, CAP will display one of these planes, a Cessna C-182, and discuss the technology behind SDIS.

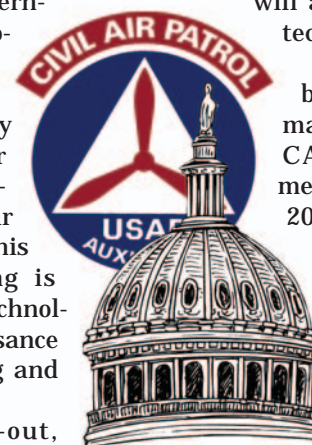
Following the roll-out, General Wheless and the members of the CAP National Board will host a congressional reception at the Rayburn Office Building. The board, comprised of CAP's 52 wing commanders, will mingle with Capitol Hill lawmakers and their staff during the event, which will also feature a display on CAP technology.

On March 3, board members will visit their state lawmakers on Capitol Hill during CAP Legislative Day. Board members will deliver copies of the 2004 CAP Annual Report to Congress and discuss pending legislation, and new capabilities relevant to the lawmakers' respective states.

During the week, CAP will also be conducting its second annual Civic Leadership Academy, a national educational activity for CAP cadets that focuses on civic responsibility and careers in public service. Some of the cadets will also join their wing commanders for meetings with lawmakers on Legislative Day.

The cadets will also tour the CIA's museum to learn how sensitive information is collected and analyzed, and how that process affects national security. They will also visit the Penta-

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CNN airs prime-time CAP feature on 'Defending America'

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — In a first for Civil Air Patrol, CNN was allowed to accompany and film a CAP crew performing a homeland security training mission for the Air Force.

The segment aired on Jan. 19 as part of CNN's "Defending America" series, and it featured Col. Rock Palermo, an attorney from Lake Charles, La., as he and a CAP aircrew flew a target-intercept exercise assigned under the auspices of the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

During the exercise, Colonel Palermo piloted the CAP plane, posing as a suspicious aircraft flying over restricted air space. The Air Force dispatched two F-15 Eagle fighter jets to intercept the plane, allowing the Air Force to test the speed and efficiency of its response, as well as the effectiveness and quality of its air-defense radar, weapon systems and operating procedures.

CAP members like Colonel Palermo frequently fly such exercises. Because CAP is the volunteer civilian auxiliary of the Air Force, the cost of using CAP's single-engine aircraft with volunteer pilots is far less than the cost of using military aircraft for the same purpose.

"The cost of operating a CAP plane for this kind of exercise is only about \$100 per hour," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless. "That makes CAP one of today's best values in homeland security, and a force-multiplier for our military."

The CNN crew, headed by national correspondent Jonathan Freed from the Chicago Bureau, agreed to strict security guidelines in order to film the exercise. Public affairs specialists collaborated on the necessary approvals across chains of command from CAP National Headquarters and 1st Air Force Headquarters to NORAD and U.S. Northern Command. CNN also filmed Colonel Palermo at work in his Lake Charles law office, where he handles personal-injury cases and mediation.

The finished segment addressed the colonel's ongoing challenges in juggling his professional and volunteer responsibilities.

"We in CAP value our country's security and we value human life," Colonel Palermo said. "Our volunteer members are honored to use our skills to protect both."

"We're grateful for the commitment of CAP members like Rock Palermo," said CAP National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Antonio Pineda. "This is a

man with a family and busy professional career. He doesn't have to spend his free time doing this work. Nobody pays him to do it."

"CNN did a good job of capturing the spirit of service that undergirds this organization," said Louisiana Wing Commander Col. Rod Ammons. "You see it in Rock and in thousands of other CAP volunteers across the nation. These are the 'can-do' people who get out there and do something positive to make a difference. We wanted the American people to know that, and we also wanted to reassure them that many different kinds of security plans are at work in their communities. I'd venture to say most people have no idea that CAP members in their own communities are performing missions like the one shown in this CNN segment."

Colonel Palermo's copilot for the exercise was Col. Glen Atwell of the Alabama Wing. The two performed the mission in a Gippsland GA8 Airvan, with the CNN film crew and a public affairs officer from 1st Air Force, 1st Lt. Lisa Citino, onboard. To assist with radio communications, CAP put a Cessna C-182 in the air along with the Gippsland.

Kentucky Wing Director of Communications 1st Lt. Russ Hensley served as the Cessna



Louisiana Wing's Col. Rock Palermo is interviewed by CNN national correspondent Jonathan Freed Jan. 11 at a New Orleans airport. CNN followed Colonel Palermo and other CAP members as they flew a homeland security target-intercept mission assigned by the Air Force. The story, which focused on CAP volunteerism, also showed the colonel at work in his private law practice in Lake Charles, La. The program aired on CNN's "Defending America" series Jan. 19.

mission pilot, accompanied by mission observer Capt. Kevin Fosberg, Kentucky Wing vice commander and director of Operations. CAP's Southeast Region counterdrug director of Operations, Lt. Col. Ernie Bilotto, served as the communications specialist onboard the Cessna. Maj. Arnold Glauser of the Florida Wing also assisted throughout the preparation, planning and implementation of the exercise.

CNN's "Defending America" series covered a variety of stories related to homeland security and national defense.

The series aired throughout the presidential inauguration week, spawned by the media's coverage of unprecedented security measures put into place for the Jan. 20 inaugural events. The "Defending America" series included stories originating from throughout the nation, giving the public a glimpse of how the United States maintains its air supremacy and how everyday Americans contribute to homeland security.

The CNN segment on CAP is available on the CAP national Web site at www.cap.gov/mediacenter/video.html.



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A Quote in Time

On the passing of Gary Schmidt, Tanis Aircraft Services owner and CAP Corporate Parter: "Gary was a very generous and patriotic man, and he believed in the work CAP volunteers are doing for this country. We have lost a good friend."

James Shea, CAP Director of Strategic Partnerships [Story on Page 5]

CAP RESPONDS TO RED CROSS CALL FOR HELP — ESTABLISHES RELIEF FUND

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS -- Civil Air Patrol heeded the call to help millions of families in South Asia and Eastern Africa, victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami that killed more than 200,000 people and destroyed countless homes and businesses.

When the American Red Cross announced Jan. 7 that it needed about \$400 million to respond to the immediate and long-term needs of tsunami victims, CAP responded by establishing the CAP Tsunami Relief Project. The donations will benefit tsunami relief efforts through the American Red Cross International Response Fund.

"As volunteers deeply involved in disaster relief, we — more than others — understand the enormity of the task facing the world relief organizations," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless.

In coordination with other global partners, the

Red Cross uses resources from its International Response Fund for such needs as emergency and supplemental food aid; safe drinking water and sanitation; vaccinations and healthcare; personal goods such as sleeping mats, blankets, sheets and mosquito nets; personal hygiene kits and mental health counseling.

"The American Red Cross has performed admirably during the tsunami disaster. Their resources have been stretched to the limit. I'm proud that CAP members are contributing to the

Red Cross and praying for the people who have lost family members, homes and livelihood," said Chaplain (Col.) Charles Sharp, CAP's Chaplain Service chief.

CAP will present the proceeds from its Tsunami Relief Project to the American Red Cross at CAP's Winter National Board meeting in Washington, D.C., the first week in March.



NY'S LONG ISLAND GROUP MEMBERS RAISE \$3,291.72 FOR TSUNAMI RELIEF

NEW YORK — In response to one of the world's most horrific catastrophes, New York Wing's Long Island Group stepped up to the challenge.

Almost immediately after the Dec. 26 earthquake and the tsunamis it triggered totally devastated the coastlines of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, India, Africa, and numerous islands in the Indian Ocean, Capt. Mike Kelly, commander of the Suffolk Cadet Squadron, conducted an emergency meeting with the group staff and squadron commanders.

At the meeting, Captain Kelly proposed that all group and squadron members come to the aid of the tsunami victims. He asked each senior member and cadet, as well as their families, to dig deep into their pockets to help get the victims what they needed most — money — and that's just what the members did.

Maj. Lou Fenech of the Gabreski Composite Squadron then contacted the Suffolk County director of the Salvation Army, Paul Vincent, and asked if his organization would act as a conduit between the members and victims. Mr. Vincent gratefully accepted.



Members of New York Wing's Long Island Group present a \$3,291.72 donation to Paul Vincent, director of the Salvation Army in Suffolk County, N.Y. The money will be used to help the survivors of the catastrophic earthquake and tsunamis that killed more than 200,000 people and devastated Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, numerous islands in the Indian Ocean and even the east coast of Africa on Dec. 26, 2004.

According to Mr. Vincent, the organization is now beginning the second phase of its relief support -- that of rebuilding the economic and physical infrastructures in all of the affected areas. Their goal is to help get each country's economy back on track and their people back to work. With more than 20 senior members and six cadets present, Lt. Col. Norman Greenberg, Long Island Group

commander, Captain Kelly, six other squadron commanders and group staff members presented Mr. Vincent with a check for \$3,291.72, which had been collected in less than two weeks. Of that, \$1,735.72 was donated by the Suffolk squadron — most of it a direct result of the efforts of 1st Lt. Michael Gotay, squadron deputy commander, and cadets Mike and Mary Gotay, and Harry Arango.



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Tech. Sgt. Marina Pevey

Air Force Airman 1st Class Jillian Smith wears two uniforms. As an active-duty Airman, left, she is a communications journeyman assigned to the 27th Intelligence Support Squadron. In her off-duty time, she is a volunteer second lieutenant with the Civil Air Patrol.

'Airman moonlights as CAP officer'

Air Force News features Virginia Wing senior member

1st Lt. Gregory Caggiano
27th Intelligence Support Squadron

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) -- During the week Jillian Smith is called "airman first class," and on the weekends it is "lieutenant." Why the change? The 27th Intelligence Support Squadron communications troop splits her time between the Air Force and the Virginia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol — the U.S. Air Force auxiliary.

Airman Smith joined CAP as a cadet when she was 15 years old and served in New Hampshire Wing's Seacoast Composite Squadron. When she turned 19, she enlisted in the Air Force and became a CAP senior member. She is now a second lieutenant, and serves an administration and personnel officer for the Langley Composite Squadron.

Her commander, Lt. Col. Monica Richardson, leads the squadron at Langley. The colonel said she leans heavily on Lieutenant Smith to ensure the unit is running on all cylinders.

"Jillian has made some valuable contributions to the squadron," Colonel Richardson said. "She helped straighten out the cadets' records and now keeps them up to date."

Airman Smith said working with cadets is her favorite part.

The Langley Composite Squadron includes 35 cadets between the ages of 12 and 21, and 17 senior members. Airman Smith mentors the junior members and tutors the cadets to help them perform their best in the various aerospace education programs.

She said she is working on her own education including a Community College of the Air Force degree.

Last summer, Lieutenant Smith attended Squadron Leadership School in Danville, Va., and in July she received the Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award.

Editor's note: Story was posted Jan. 12 on Air Force Link at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123009582.

2 Louisiana senior members die in crash

Aircraft went down during training mission near Monroe, La.

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LOUISIANA – Two Louisiana Wing pilots died Jan. 11 after the single-engine aircraft they were flying in crashed about eight miles northeast of the Monroe (La.) Regional Airport.

Majs. Arlan Rawls and Tommy Nichols, both members of the Monroe Senior Squadron, were killed after their Civil Air Patrol Cessna C-182 went down during a training mission at about 8 p.m.

Ouachita and Morehouse Parish sheriff's deputies, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries agents, local emergency response personnel and members of the Louisiana Wing were called to search for the plane.

The search area was narrowed significantly after a woman living near Wham Break, a body of water on the Ouachita-Morehouse Parish line, reported to law enforcement officials she heard a loud

"On behalf of the secretary, chief of staff and the men and women of the U.S. Air Force, I extend condolences to the families of Major Rawls and Major Nichols. We salute the service of these two great Americans; they served their nation proudly and with distinction as members of the CAP. As we mourn their loss, we also take stock in their outstanding and untiring contributions to our great nation as members of the Louisiana Wing. Their legacy of service and excellence to the public will serve as a timeless beacon for all to follow."

Michael L. Dominguez
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force,
Manpower and Reserve Affairs

noise in the area behind her home.

Thirteen ground team members from the Ruston Composite Squadron responded to the all-night search effort. Aircraft from the Shreveport Senior Squadron were on standby to begin an aerial search the morning of Jan. 12. However, LDWF agents, who were searching by boat, found the wreckage in

shallow water at approximately 7 a.m. that morning

Major Rawls had been a member of CAP since 1992, and Major Nichols joined in 1993. Both were experienced pilots.

The fatalities were the first in the history of the Louisiana Wing.

"We express our profound sorrow and deep regret to the families and members of the

Monroe Senior Squadron on the occasion of this accident and the loss of Majors Arlan Rawls and Tommy Nichols," said Louisiana Wing Commander Col. Rodney Ammons of Shreveport, La. "Indeed, all who knew them are poorer in spirit through their loss, but enriched through their acquaintance with these accomplished pilots and dedicated CAP members.

"I know all CAP members will join me in grieving over the loss of our two members," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless. "In any organization as large as ours, there are the inevitable losses to be taken, but human life is so precious that no loss is easy. Let us join the surviving family members and our own Louisiana Wing members, and share their great despair and offer our friendship and encouragement in these moments of bereavement."

Officials with the CAP and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the cause of the accident.

New York-based AirGator CAP's newest corporate partner

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS -- Civil Air Patrol has signed a corporate partnership agreement with AirGator, a New York-based aviation company that specializes in navigation and situational awareness products for aviation, marine and public safety communities.

"CAP members deserve the thanks of all of us in the aviation community for their commitment to homeland security and domestic aviation," said Amir Tirosh, president of AirGator. "We are delighted to be part of the community supporting CAP in its goals."

While the terms of the agreement

were undisclosed, AirGator will provide CAP with financial and promotional support in 2005 and, in return, receive the right to use the CAP name and corporate supporter mark in the company's advertising, marketing and promotional programs during the year. Financial support from AirGator will be used to fund CAP cadet programs in 2005.

According to CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless, AirGator's financial commitment will be used in part to reduce the costs of the 2005 CAP National Cadet Competition in Washington, D.C. The competition — which will

be held in July — is one of the nation's most prestigious youth events each year, stated General Wheless.

"AirGator joins an impressive list of corporations who support not only the work of our adult volunteers, but also the activities of our cadets — the CAP of the future," General Wheless said. "For America to continue its technological dominance, today's business and government leaders must work together to prepare our young people for an even more complex society. We must focus not only on their technical and academic skills, but also the values and leadership required to use that technology wisely. We

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CAP Corporate Partnership Program

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The Revere Supply Company offers CAP members a discounted price on the McMurdo/Pains Wessex Fastfind personal locator beacons. An ad detailing the product, discounted price and contact information can be found on Page 9.

Internal Revenue Service

As a federally chartered nonprofit organization, Civil Air Patrol is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. This entitles members to claim various expenses as charitable contributions to the extent allowed by law. These include the following: Membership dues; expenses for uniforms and training materials; out-of-pocket expenses while participating in CAP activities; mileage on personal vehicles; travel and living expenses while participating in CAP activities.

CAP wins '05 Award of Excellence

ASAE recognizes volunteers for 2004 hurricane-response efforts

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol has been named a 2005 Award of Excellence winner by the American Society of Association Executives in Washington, D.C.

The 60,000-member all-volunteer CAP received the nationally recognized award for its response efforts in the wake of hurricanes Charley, Francis, Ivan and Jeanne.

During August and September 2004, CAP members responded to continuous requests from emergency management agencies for ground and aerial hurricane impact assessment. Using CAP-owned satellite-transmitted digital imagery systems (SDIS) and CAP aircraft, members took high-resolution digital photos and transmitted the images via satellite phone and e-mail, using a laptop computer onboard the aircraft. State and federal officials used the images to assess affected sites and plan recovery efforts. CAP also helped locate and silence

hundreds of emergency locator transmitters that were activated as a result of damage to aircraft and boats during the storms.

"More than 1,000 of our volunteer members took time away from their jobs and families to help the communities affected by the hurricanes," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless. "They made tremendous sacrifices, and that's typical of our members throughout the nation. This award validates the unheralded work of our volunteers -- and that includes every member who sacrifices his day off to chase down a false ELT signal, take an inner city kid on his

first airplane ride, or mentor a cadet who dreams of becoming an astronaut."

"Many people think of CAP only in terms of its relationship to the military as the civilian auxiliary of the Air Force," said CAP Executive Director Al Allenback. "But CAP is in fact a nonprofit organization that faces the same challenges in recruiting, retention, funding and program development common to all associations. In addition, we also must comply with the requirements of the Air Force and our responsibilities as a grant recipient under the Department of Defense. To be recognized by the nation's most prestigious society of association executives is a true honor for CAP, and a tribute to the teamwork among our volunteer, Air Force and corporate leaders."

"CAP's program truly embodies the spirit of the Associations Advance America campaign. It is an honor and an inspiration to showcase this activity as an example of the many contributions associations are making to advance American society," said 2004-'05 Associations Advance America Committee Chair David Gabri, president and CEO, Associated Luxury Hotels International.

ASAE will present the award to CAP during its sixth annual Summit Awards dinner Sept. 27 at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

ASSOCIATIONS ADVANCE AMERICA

Tanis Aircraft owner, corporate partner dies in crash

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol Corporate Partner and Tanis Aircraft Services Owner President Gary E. Schmidt died in an aircraft accident near the Glenwood (Mn.) Airport Dec. 9.

Mr. Schmidt and a friend were returning from a trip to Florida when Mr. Schmidt's Piper PA-32 crashed at 5:10 p.m. on a farm a mile from the airport.

According to his wife, Sandy, he was an excellent pilot, and very levelheaded, adding that he was licensed to fly on instruments. "He died



Gary E. Schmidt

doing what he loved," she said.

Mr. Schmidt purchased Tanis in January 2002. The company makes preheating equipment for aircraft that fly in cold weather. His company has been a CAP corporate partner since 2004.

"Gary was a very generous and patriotic man, and he believed in the work CAP volunteers are doing for this country," said Jim Shea, director of CAP's Strategic Partnerships. "We have lost a good friend."

PA cadet's cause of death 'self-inflicted injuries'

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — The Osceola County Sheriff's Department released the cause of death on Feb. 11 for a Pennsylvania Wing cadet found dead in Kissimmee, Fla.

Lt. Andy Lang said an autopsy determined that Rebecca Marseglia, 16, of Levittown, Penn., died of self-inflicted injuries.

The medical examiner estimated that Marseglia died within 24 hours after she disappeared on Feb. 7 from a Kissimmee Travelodge where she was staying with a group from the Pennsylvania Wing.

The teenager's body was found Feb. 10 in Kissimmee at about 8:30 a.m. in a heavily wooded area off Highway 192. She had been the subject of an intense search by local sheriffs, members of the Pennsylvania and Florida wings, and her father.

Cadet Marseglia and her group were in Florida on a trip to Walt Disney World and Cape Canaveral. The cadets had worked for months to raise money for the trip.

According to reports from Pennsylvania Wing adult members who accompanied the cadets,

Cadet Marseglia left the group without explanation on Feb. 7 prior to the group's scheduled flight home. According to

Pennsylvania Wing Commander Col. Al Applebaum, however, CAP has not determined why Marseglia left the hotel or where she was while searchers were looking for her.

"This is one of the most tragic situations we have ever encountered in the history of our organization," said Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless, CAP national commander. "We may never have a complete picture of the challenges Becky was facing in her life. Still, we owe it to her, her family and our other cadets to closely examine this tragedy and see if we can learn anything from it that will help us better mentor and support our young people. Today's CAP cadets will be tomorrow's national leaders, and it's

our responsibility to stand beside them as they navigate the sometimes treacherous waters of adolescence."

General Wheless says CAP has always considered safety its primary concern, particularly for cadets. That philosophy is the foundation of all CAP's policies and procedures. For example, Wheless says, CAP was one of the first national organizations to require fingerprinting and background screening for potential members, primarily for the safety of cadets. CAP also requires Cadet Protection Policy training for all new members above the age of 18. This training promotes a drug-free life-style, and zero tolerance for sexual abuse, hazing and discrimination. The training also helps adult leaders pinpoint behavioral changes that may indicate drug use or emotional difficulties.

"CAP has more than 60,000 members from all walks of life," General Wheless said. "You might consider us a microcosm of our current society, because within our organization, we deal with many of the issues you see throughout the nation as a whole. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15 to 24-year-olds in our nation. And for every teen suicide, there are more than 100

unsuccessful attempts. We must continue to look for new ways to support and encourage our young people. They are America's future."

In addition to its required training, CAP also offers members a variety of awareness programs. The Drug Demand Reduction Program stresses drug awareness and education for both adult and cadet members. The "Values for Living" Moral Leadership Program covers peer pressure, stress and conflict resolution. Part of the Critical Incident Stress Management program helps members identify certain behavior changes in others that may signal a need for support.

CAP's online Knowledgebase for members includes information on counseling skills and links to the U.S. Air Force suicide prevention and awareness education materials. CAP also offers online relevant online mod-

ules on leadership, counseling, conflict resolution, discipline and abuse prevention. The national newspaper, Civil Air Patrol News, has also addressed suicide prevention.

During its last three national conferences, the CAP Chaplain Service has presented a seminar called "Seniors as Shepherds." This seminar helps CAP leaders understand and practice the most effective management techniques for different kinds of personalities.

General Wheless says CAP continues to evaluate and add new components to its training programs for ca-

dets and their leaders. He notes that the U.S. Air Force, for which CAP is the official civilian auxiliary, recently completed a new suicide prevention and information training program for its military personnel. "Theirs is one of many programs we'll be examining as we continue to emphasize this kind of training."

Editor's note: CAP's National Health Services chief, Dr. James L. Greenstone, has asked that anyone wishing to talk to him concerning suicide prevention or any other related matter can contact him at 817-882-9415 or drjlg@flash.net.



Cadet Rebecca Marseglia

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in CAP applaud companies like AirGator who are willing to invest in America's future."

AirGator produces and markets the NAVAir series of navigation and situational awareness products to the general aviation market. The product series includes NAVAir Moving Map and NAVAirWX with Real Time Broadcast Weather. The products run on a wide range of hardware including handheld computers, personal digital assistants or PDAs, and tablet per-

sonal computers. NAVAir was awarded the KitPlanes 2004 Readers Choice Award in the PDA-based moving map category.

"AirGator has come up with a great solution for pilots who want easy-to-use navigational equipment in the cockpit," said Al Allenback, CAP executive director. "Anything that improves situational awareness for pilots is important, especially for an organization like CAP that places such a high priority on safety."

Detailed information about suicide prevention on the Web at WWW.CAP.GOV/SUICIDE

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As surely as the morning follows the night, accept the responsibility and you assuredly are tagged with the accountability. In Civil Air Patrol, that accountability is inherent in our core values and lies at the very heart of professionalism and officership.

During the past couple of years we have seen so many breaches of fiduciary responsibilities at major American corporations that we cease to be shocked as new improprieties are disclosed. Those situations — those breaches of responsibility and lapses of ethical conduct resulting in the bilking of huge sums of money — seem far away from the Air Force Auxiliary's 60,000 volunteer

members and their "missions for America." Well, it's too late for Katy to bar the door.

Two significant incidents of theft,

professional volunteers. If a thousand dollars is stolen, we can quantify that easily enough, but the damage to our reputation is immeasurable.

Were these thefts avoidable? Both occurred over a relatively long period of time and in a series of transactions. If the required periodic audits had been conducted, would we have discovered the misappropriations?

Are not our financial management regulations fairly

specific as to the requirements for finance committees and internal control procedures? Was the wing finance officer doing his or her job? Was the wing commander doing his or her job? Where was the financial analyst? Maybe the investigations will flush out the answers, maybe not.

As officers and public servants, we all have the duty of honesty and proper stewardship of the funds and equipment entrusted to us . . . and we all are accountable for the way in which we live up to or fail in accomplishing our duty. We've all heard that "rank" has its privileges (and we are all waiting to see one), but the

real truism is that rank has its responsibilities, and rank usually goes hand in hand with leadership positions, and leadership positions mean accountability.

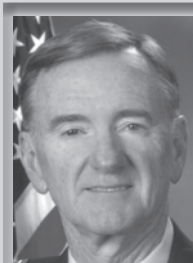
So, let these thefts be a wake-up call to all CAP members and espe-



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cially commanders at every level. As your national commander, I expect absolute integrity, adherence to our body of laws and regulations, and acceptance of responsibility when you fall short — accountability.

Lastly, I would like to commend our commanders at all levels for getting their lower-unit asset reports filed. A job well done to all — thank you!



NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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fraud and robbery have now been identified in two wings. While losing money from the till is bad enough, there is something even more valuable lost here: Our credibility as



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gon as guests of Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert Bishop, Maj. Gen. Robert D. Bishop Jr., the assistant deputy chief of staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, and meet with Dr. Lester Crawford, acting commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, to discuss the challenges of leading a complex public agency.

On March 4 and 5, the National Board will convene for its winter session. Meetings will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Washington, D.C. Included in the agenda will be a professional development seminar for board members conducted by Maj. Gen. Roger Burg, director of Strategic Security for the Office of the Deputy

Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations at U.S. Air Force Headquarters in Washington. General Burg is responsible for policy, guidance, expertise and oversight to the Air Force nuclear, space, force protection and homeland defense programs.

CAP's week in Washington will end with a formal dinner hosted by the Spaatz Association, made up of CAP members who have reached the highest possible level in the CAP Cadet Program. Among those attending will be current and former Spaatz cadets, including Air Force Brig. Gen. Ted Bowlds, who leads an Air Force center responsible for developing new air and space technologies.

Tsunami effect: Crisis abroad, crisis at home

What follows are the “voices” of men, women and children who survived the December tsunami.

Man: “Now I have no family. I have no neighbors. I have no home. I have no work. I have nothing — nothing. Why should I go on? Why bother? Why?”

Woman: “I am waiting for my children to come back to me from the water ...”

Woman: “I must have his body to bury — even just an arm — something of him I can bury and say a prayer over ...”

Child: “Why won’t mommy answer me? Is she angry at me?”

Man: “How can I reach a government official? I am a tourist. My passport, wallet and tickets were destroyed. I need information. I need help immediately. Please help me!”

Man: “I was holding my baby. He was washed out of my arms. He is gone — I’m alive and he is gone! I can never be forgiven for this!”

These are the post-tsunami scenes:

Children whose eyes are devoid of expression; survivors wandering like zombies through the rubble and devastation; women huddled together trying to console one another; people crying, rocking back and forth, shaking their heads; people trying to restore order within the chaos; medics tending to crying children; people staring out at the water as if trying to will back their lives and loved ones.

What were our reactions?

What were our reactions as we watched these scenes and listened to the voices being transmitted by the media? How were you and I affected? Have we vicariously become victims of the tsunami? My colleagues have reported an increase in sleep disturbances, nonspecific complaints and generalized anxiety in their patients. Examples of comments follow:

“Events are piling on — Bin Laden, suicide bombings, hurricanes, the war in Iraq and now a Tsunami. I feel so sad and tired all the time.”

“Those children in Indonesia — I

can’t sleep. I can’t concentrate. I’m afraid to let my children go anywhere by themselves. I have never felt like this before.”

“I feel so helpless lately. It’s like I



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don’t really have control. Everything around us feels scary and I can’t protect my family from it.”

“My Dad used to talk about a pervasive feeling of malaise — when you’re not sick, but you’re not well either. That describes me.”

Relevance to CAP members

My training and experience tells me there is a high probability that there are CAP senior members and cadets, and their family members, who like the general population are experiencing a post-Sept. 11 malaise. Each event including, but not limited to, the situation in Afghanistan, threats of terrorist attacks, suicide bombings, the war in Iraq, conflict in the Middle East, the AIDS pandemic, hurricanes, outsourcing of jobs and then the Tsunami has served to produce heightened levels of stress. When members say, “I am waiting for the other shoe to drop,” they are reflecting the pervasive feeling that it is only a matter of time before the next man-made or natural disaster will occur.

It seems to me it would be appropriate and important for Health Service personnel, as well as the general membership, to do the following:

- ❖ Know the signs of how people react normally to a disaster;
- ❖ Recognize the special reactions of children to a disaster;
- ❖ Know the “dos” and “don’ts” if called upon to respond to sufferers;
- ❖ Be aware of your own level of stress as you prepare to respond; and

❖ Be clear about the limits of your task.

Disasters affect people in many ways. It is important to understand that crisis involves loss, and that there is a natural grieving process following any loss. Disasters of any size may cause unusual and unwanted stress in those attempting to reconstruct their lives. The emotional effects of loss, grief and disruption may show up immediately or may appear suddenly and without warning many months later.

Children need special attention

Although many feelings and reactions are shared by people of all ages in response to the direct or indirect effects of crisis, meeting the needs of children requires special attention.

Typical reactions of children, regardless of age, include the following:

- ❖ Fears stemming from the crisis situation
- ❖ Loss of interest in school
- ❖ Regressive behavior
- ❖ Withdrawal and immobility
- ❖ Problems at school and inability to concentrate
- ❖ Sleep disturbances and night terrors
- ❖ Clinging to parents; and
- ❖ Fears of events that might be associated with the crisis situation, such as loud noises, water sounds and sirens.

Common reactions from the adolescent age group (14-18) include the following:

- ❖ Psychosomatic symptoms, such as rashes, bowel problems and asthma;
- ❖ Headaches and tension;

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PSYCHOLOGICAL REACTION TO CRISIS COMMON SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Emotional

Anticipatory anxiety
Generalized anxiety
Shock
Denial
Fatigue
Fear
Helplessness
Depression
Panic
Despair
Survivor guilt
Feeling out of control
Grief
Outrage
Numbness
Frustration
Inadequacy
Feeling overwhelmed
Anger
Irritability
Insecurity
Agitation

Cognitive

Confusion
Heightened or lowered alertness
Poor attention span
Poor concentration

Flashbacks

Loss of trust
Difficulties with decision-making
Nightmares
Need for information
Loss of time, place or person orientation
Hypervigilance

Behavioral

Withdrawal
Sleep disturbances
Angry outbursts
Increased fatigue
Change in appetite
Difficulty functioning at normal ability level
Antisocial acts
Frequent visits to physicians for nonspecific complaints
Anger at God
Change in communications
Preoccupation with the crisis to the exclusion of other areas of life
Unresponsiveness
Hysterical reactions
Irritability
Alcohol or drug abuse
Immobility
Domestic violence
Isolation

CHAPLAINS

Spiritually serving America's 'volunteers' at all levels

As your chief of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Service, it with great pride I write this month's column — a piece that highlights two of our chaplains and how they are voluntarily serving the spiritual needs of not only our CAP members, but America's military personnel as well. I have no doubt these stories will inspire you as much as they did me!

Chaplain (Maj.) Richard L. Lionberger

After the events of Sept. 11, Richard L. Lionberger of Savannah, Mo., wanted to do something to serve his country. Checking the traditional avenues, he found he was chronologically challenged — otherwise known as too old — so he decided to make this a matter of prayer.

Shortly after that, Mr. Lionberger read an article in the newspaper about the need for chaplains in the Civil Air Patrol. He made a call, checked it out and is now a chaplain and major with Missouri Wing's Pony Express Composite Squadron working with squadron cadets and senior members.

After becoming a CAP member, Chaplain Lionberger discovered that CAP chaplains could serve Air Force active duty and Reserve personnel on request. Soon after that, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ed Morrison of the 139th Airlift Wing, Missouri Air National Guard called Chaplain Lionberger and made the request for assistance. He was being invited by Lt. Col. Darin Sloan, a training pilot for the 139th Airlift Wing, to speak at the graduation banquet for the Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center in January 2002.

On Sept. 1, 2004, Chaplain Lionberger's son-in-law, Staff Sgt. Robert Bryant, was called to active duty with the 189th Ordinance Company of the U.S. Army Reserves. One of the soldiers requested a worship service prior to their deployment. The commanding officer replied that, due to the deployment and shortage of area chaplains, there was no chaplain available to conduct the service. Sergeant Bryant informed him that his father-in-law was a CAP chaplain and leads services for the Air National Guard.

On Sept. 4, Chaplain Lionberger received a call from his son-in-law and was asked if he would be willing to conduct a chapel service for the 189th. After a meeting on Sept. 5 with

commanding officer Maj. Kerry Hyatt, and First Sgt. Taylor, it was agreed that Chaplain Lionberger would not only lead that worship service, but a number of others until the unit deployed.

The first service was attended by six unit



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members on Sept. 5; and the last service — just prior to deployment — was attended by 50.

Chaplain Lionberger also conducted two afternoons of counseling with young soldiers who were having a difficult time with their impending deployment and leaving their families behind. He took part in their family-day deployment ceremony and led them in a devotional service and prayer time on their Sept. 29 departure date. The 189th Ordinance Company is now deployed to Iraq.

Needless to say, Chaplain Lionberger has

volunteered to help the members of the 189th when they return after their 545-day deployment, and he continues to serve the 139th Airlift Wing by leading their Protestant chapel services.

Although Chaplain Lionberger's age kept him from officially serving the military, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Savanna, Mo., now serves CAP and the U.S. military as a voluntary chaplain.

"The icing on the cake is I get to serve CAP members and do just what I prayed I would be able to do — serve the people of the 139th Airlift Wing and 189th Ordinance Company.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Edward J. Young

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Edward J. Young has a long history of serving not only Kentucky Wing's Jim Brewer Composite Squadron, but Kentucky's Army National Guard units as well.

Chaplain Young has served the Army Guard's 206th Engineer Battalion in Harrodsburg, Ky., for almost 12 years. In addition, he also works with the members of B Company, located in Hazard, Ky., and C Company, located in Prestonsburg, Ky., and currently deployed to Bosnia. All this while he served as the pastor of a church in Paintsville, Ky.

Chaplain Young is currently serving as pastor of a church in Newport, Tenn., and is the chaplain for the 149th Infantry Regiment in Middlesboro, Ky. He makes the trip from Newport by air in about 30 minutes flying his Cessna 172 or by car in about three hours.

The commanding officer of 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment E Troop in Newport, Tenn., which is currently deployed to Iraq, also asked Chaplain Young to serve as their chaplain. Five days prior to their deployment he stayed with them and conducted a worship service before their departure. He also gave each soldier a copy of the New Testament.

Chaplain Young has also provided marriage counseling, conducted weddings, visited hospitals, handed out New Testaments and provided chapel services on Saturdays. His church also provides special services each July 4 to honor and recognize both veterans and active duty military personnel.

Chaplain Young maintains his membership in the Jim Brewer squadron because the Kentucky Wing has an agreement with the Guard.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Edward J. Young of Kentucky Wing's Jim Brewer Composite Squadron flies his Cessna C-172 to a chaplain assignment.

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What: The CAP National Staff College is the executive-level in-residence course for senior members who aspire to executive level leadership in CAP. The purpose of the college is to provide CAP field-grade officers the types of developmental experiences required to manage complex programs. The curriculum includes advanced studies in communications, leadership and management. The faculty is composed of CAP personnel, Air Force Re-

National Staff College

serve officers and faculty members assigned to many of the professional military education schools under Air University.

Who: Attendees must be a major or higher, and have attended Region Staff College. Commanders at all levels are especially encouraged to apply.

When: Oct. 15-22 (Travel days - Oct. 15 and 22)

Where: Maxwell AFB, AL.

How: Registration fee is \$125. Billeting and meals at Maxwell AFB at individuals' expense. Applicants should refer to Paragraphs 2-7b and 7-2 of CAPR 50-17 for details. Forward CAP Form 17 through unit and wing for endorsement (region staff members need region commander endorsement only) and then on to CAP National Headquarters/LMPD, 105 South Hansell St., Bldg. 714, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332 by Aug. 15.

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2005 SENIOR MEMBER ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Corporate Learning Course

What: The Corporate Learning Course is the third seminar course in CAP's senior member Professional Development Program and satisfies one of the requirements toward completing Level III, the Grover Loening Aerospace Award. The Corporate Learning Course seeks to broaden understanding of CAP beyond squadron operations. As members take on roles of higher responsibility and authority, it is essential for them to know how the squadron affects — and is affected by — the operations of higher headquarters. The course is designed to explain how a wing operates in each of CAP's mission-support functions. Armed with this knowledge, senior members can learn how they and their respective organizations can best support the wing and fulfill the corporate role of CAP.

Who: Eligible CAP members should attain the technician level of their specialty and attend a Squadron Leadership School.

When/Where: Dates and locations are announced by wing and region headquarters.

How: Apply on CAPF 17 as directed by the unit.

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Squadron Leadership School

What: The Squadron Leadership School is designed to enhance a senior member's performance at the squadron level and to increase understanding of the basic function of a squadron and how to improve squadron operations. Completion of Squadron Leadership School is necessary for completion of Level II.

Who: Senior members who have completed Level I and enrolled in one or more specialty tracks are eligible to attend.

When/ Where: Dates and locations are announced by wing and region headquarters.

How: Apply on CAPF 17, as directed by the unit.

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National Legal Officers College

What: The 2005 National Legal Officers College is an in-residence continuing legal education program. Its missions to advance and enhance the education and training of lawyers serving as volunteer legal officers in CAP, in conjunction with the Legal Officer Continuing Legal Education Handbook, and to foster and develop an active body of CAP legal officers as a collegial body of legal professionals committed to assisting CAP in fulfilling its public service missions. Traditionally, it has been certified by state bar associations for up to 32 hours (or more) of continuing legal education credit.

Prerequisites: Current CAP membership; completion of Level One Orientation; currently appointed as a CAP legal officer; approval of wing and region

commander. (Judges, court officers and new members may apply for a waiver.) This course is given once every other year.

Point of Contact: Becky Lee, HQ CAP/GC, will serve as the registrar for the college and will accept all applications. Contact at: 105 S. Hansell St., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6332; 334-264-7152; Fax: 334-265-4352; blee@cap.gov.

When/Where: June 23-25 (June 22 and June 26 are travel days), San Francisco, CA.

How: Submit completed CAPF 17 with appropriate endorsements through the chain of command to arrive at HQ CAP/GC no later than May 12. Registration fee will be announced at a later date.

Flight Clinics

What: CAP regions and wings have considerable latitude in development of flight clinics. They may be cosponsored by approved external sources (e.g., FAA, AOPA). Partial funding is available in accordance with CAP regulations. Clinics must include both a ground and flight phase. Flight

clinics are designed to increase pilot proficiency and safety consciousness.

Who: Anyone may attend, however, funding is limited to one clinic per CAP pilot per fiscal year.

How: Apply through Region or Wing channels.

Region Staff College

What: Region Staff College is a formal in-residence program required for completion of Level IV. The purpose of each college is to help prepare selected CAP officers to execute duties and responsibilities associated with executive-level CAP command and staff positions. Courses include lectures and seminars covering interpersonal communications, leadership and management, and training techniques.

Who: CAP officers who have completed Level III and who hold command or staff positions.

Northeast Region Staff College

Director: Col. Bryan Cooper
35 Townsend St., Barrington, RI 02806-2013
401-246-2178
bryanwc@juno.com

When/Where: July 10-16, NCO Academy, McGuire AFB, NJ.

How: Apply through channels on CAPF 17. Registration may also be completed online. Registration fee is \$70 — make check payable to “NER-CAP” or your wing headquarters for approval, then forward to NERSC director by June 1. Billeting at NCO Academy dorms \$24.50/day. One person to a room. Meals at Falcon dining hall — \$5-8 per meal.

Southeast Region Staff College

POC: 1st Lt. Wes Hannah
4414 Turnberry Court,
Bradenton, FL 34210-2965
941-737-6890
wesmarge@tampabay.rr.com
When/Where: July 24-30,
McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN

How: Apply on CAPF 17 through channels. Send \$55 fee with application to the SER Headquarters no later than June 21. Fee for applications submitted after deadline — \$75.

Great Lakes Region Staff College

Director: Lt. Col. Richard Neuwirth
5332 Moser Rd., Route 3, Defiance, OH 43512
419-497-3880
rcvneuwbright.net

When/Where: July 17-23, Grissom Air Reserve Base, IN

How: Apply on CAPF 17. One copy through channels to the GLR Headquarters. Registration fee — \$110. Billeting \$25 per night.

Middle East Region Staff College

Director: Lt. Col. Roy Douglass
8505 Hopkins Rd., Rougemont, NC 27572
919-643-1509 (after 5:30 p.m. weekdays)
team99rvn@mindspring.com

When/Where: July 17-25, Peace College, Raleigh, NC

How: Submit CAPF 17 through channels to MER Headquarters. Include \$100 deposit with application. Balance of \$165 due prior to start of college. Meals included. Please send in staff applications by March 20 and student applications no later than May 25.

North Central Region Staff College

Director: Col. Mary F. Donley
5510 South Lewis Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57108-4773
605-334-7797; Fax 605-367-4871
msdonley@sio.midco.net
When/Where: June 26 - July 1,

Offutt AFB, Omaha, NE

How: Submit CAP Form 17 through channels NLT May 30. Include \$65 deposit payable to “NCR-CAP” to course director. Lodging space-available on base.

Rocky Mountain Region Staff College

Director: Lt. Col. Howard Mclure
11123 Zephyr St., Westminster, CO 80021
303-469-6005
hgmclure@msn.com

When/Where: April 2-10, Peterson AFB, CO

How: Submit CAP Form 17 to the director by March 15. Total fee — \$135. Submit \$40 deposit — check made out to “RMR Staff College” — with application.

Pacific Region Staff College

POC: Lt. Col. Beverly Scoggins & Lt. Col. Peggy Myrick
When/Where: May 21-28, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV
How: Submit CAP Form 17 to Lt. Col. Lori Duffy [(W) 503-231-4215, (H) 503-235-2156, lori@ktau.com], 4906 SE Harrison St., Portland, OR 97215, with \$50 registration fee check made out to “PACRSC” by May 1.

Southwest Region Staff College

Director: Lt. Col. Art Swanson
7625 Brook Haven Way, Shreveport, LA 71105-5706
(H) 318-797-0033, (W) 318-676-3392, (C) 318-572-0792
mswanson@shreve.net
When/Where: July 16-23, Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, NM
How: Apply through channels on CAPF 17. Send \$30 deposit with application to address above no later than June 15.

Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning

What: The Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning courses are available without cost to CAP members. Two broad areas of study are available: Professional military education and specialized technical courses. For CAP members, PME courses would improve knowledge of command and leadership; specialized courses are designed to provide training and raise efficiency in the performance of specialized duties.

Who: Courses are available to active senior members in good standing who have completed Level I training, as well as cadets who have achieved the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award. See CAPR 50-17 or CAPP- 8, Unit Test Control Officer Handbook for details.

How: Application procedures can be found in CAPP 8 or CAPR 50-17. Time restrictions and completion requirements are identified in AFIADL's catalog and course materials provided. To apply, go to <http://afiadl.custhelp.com>. The AFIADL registrar can be contacted at: HQ AU/CFR, 60 Schumacher Ave., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6337; fax - DSN 493-8127; or Commercial: (334) 953-8127.

www.maxwell.af.mil/au/afiadl

FEMA — Emergency Management Institute

What: Various types of emergency services courses are available via FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. It is recommended that CAP members first complete IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and/or IS-800, as

these courses will be most beneficial to CAP members supporting federal missions.

Who: Any member interested in furthering their emergency services education may participate.

When/Where: These are independent

study courses — members can enroll at any time.

How: Courses are available for download online at the Web address below. Printed course materials will only be available on the Internet, and users can download and print the

materials as they desire. FEMA can no longer accept requests to mail these materials. If you have a disability and need course materials in an alternate format, please send a request to: trainwebmaster@dhs.gov.

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/crslist.asp>

National Emergency Services Academy

What: The National Emergency Services Academy gives members the opportunity to train in emergency services qualifications at CAP National Headquarters-certified courses. All courses are held at Camp Atterbury, about 35 miles south of Indianapolis. Qualified CAP, U.S. Air Force and industry experts conduct the courses. Housing and meals are provided at Camp Atterbury for all participants. The academy is offering several courses in the National Ground Search and Rescue School, Incident Command System School and Mission Aircrew School.

Two basic **NGSAR** courses will be conducted to train personnel to become ground team members as well as two advanced courses to expand on basic team member training. Additionally, this year a team leader specific course will be conducted to provide training for those eligible to become team leaders. Senior members interested in attending either basic course must have completed general emergency services training, and personnel applying for the advanced or team leader courses must be graduates of the basic course or be able to demonstrate completion of equivalent training. NGSAR participants will spend the majority of the course in the field and will be required to sleep in survival shelters or tents during several of the school's exercises and training missions.

One basic **ICSS** course will be held this year

and it will focus on training entry-level mission base staff personnel to be mission radio operators, staff assistants, unit leaders and branch directors, including ICS 200-level training. Additionally, one advanced course will be conducted to train section chiefs, command and general staff, and incident commanders. Applicants for the basic course must have completed general emergency services training. Applicants for the advanced course must be graduates of the ICSS (formerly MBSS) basic course or be able to demonstrate completion of equivalent training. Members participating in these courses may complete many knowledge requirements and practical skills, but may not qualify for some specialties if they do not meet the minimum age requirements specified in regulations or complete skills training during a course.

The **MAS** course will be conducted in two tracks: Mission scanner/observer and mission pilot. All training will cover the requirements for aircrew members as established in the current emergency services regulations. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the start of the course, have completed general emergency services training and will be expected to forward a copy of the last six months of their flight logs when requested. Personnel applying for the mission pilot track must also provide a copy of their most current CAPF 5 when requested, and will be required to have a current CAPF 5 in a Cessna C-172 prior to arrival at the school.

Note: In accordance with CAPR 60-3, Paragraph 2-

2d2, specialty qualifications and/or tasks will be entered into MIMS by the NESA staff for personnel completing the requirements appropriate emergency services specialty qualifications.

When & How Much:

NGSAR Basic Courses

June 25 - July 2 & July 2-9 (\$155)

NGSAR Advanced Courses

June 25 - July 2 & July 2-9 (\$155)

NGSAR Team Leader Course

July 2-9 (\$155)

ICSS Basic Course

June 25 - July 2 (\$155)

ICSS Advanced Course

July 2-9 (\$155)

MAS - Mission Scanner/Observer Track or Mission Pilot Track

July 1-9 (\$155)

Note: For NESA staff, dates vary from June 25 - July 9 depending on staff assignment; cost is \$45.

How: Student slots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis for senior members. Apply online at the Web address below. Staff members are selected on a case-by-case basis, and most staff members are prior course graduates. Wing commanders have the authority to approve or disapprove applications. For more information, contact: Maj. Gary Brockman, academy director, at 317-897-4598 or pathfinder@tcon.net; or Lt. Col. John Desmarais, project officer, at 334-953-4228 or dos@cap.gov. Personnel interested in attending more than one course in a year can do so consecutively, but must coordinate it with the academy director or project officer in advance.

<https://www.peopleware.net/secure/index.cfm?siteCode=1044&&CFID=2989169&CFTOKEN=55880161&siteID=105>

Inland SAR Planner Course

What: The Inland SAR Planner Course is a five-day course conducted by the National Search & Rescue School staff to enhance the professionalism of CAP incident commanders and staff. The curriculum includes all aspects of organization, planning, communications and operations involving inland SAR.

Who: All operationally oriented senior members may apply, but preference will be given to current incident commanders or trainees. Additionally, if a member has previously attended, but not within the last three to four years, he or she can attend as a refresher. Preference will be given to personnel who have not attended before.

When: The following FY05 classes still have openings. Additional information and new courses are released through command channels as they are available.

Dates

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Deadline

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Feb. 15
March 15
April 05
May 3
June 7
July 5
Aug. 2

How: Apply online at https://ntc.cap.af.mil/ops/inland_sar/. The application deadline is normally 45 days prior to the school start date. If you have questions, please contact the national headquarters Operations support staff at dos@capnhq.gov or 334-953-4228.

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Air Force SAR Management Course

What: The Air Force SAR Management Course is a two-day Air Force Rescue Coordination Center-conducted course designed for CAP incident commanders and other CAP search and rescue personnel that covers all facets of inland SAR management at the basic level.

Who: Hosting region or wing determines eligibility.

When/ Where: Courses are typically hosted by a wing or region and announced locally, as well as posted on the AFRCC Web site at www2.acc.af.mil/afrc.

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- ❖ Appetite and sleep disturbances;
- ❖ Agitation or decrease in energy level;
- ❖ Apathy;
- ❖ Decline in interest in the opposite sex;
- ❖ Irresponsible behavior, delinquent behavior or both;
- ❖ Decline in emancipatory struggles over parental control;
- ❖ Poor concentration;
- ❖ Guilt;
- ❖ Fear of loss;
- ❖ Anger at the perceived unfairness of a crisis occurring in their lives;
- ❖ Aloneness;
- ❖ Tendency to blame others for negative events that befall them; and
- ❖ Grief

Effective communications

To be able to effectively communicate during a crisis, use the following dos and don'ts as guidelines.

The dos:

- ❖ Allow the sufferer to speak freely and to ventilate feelings;
- ❖ Establish a feeling of trust, support, and confidence;
- ❖ Hear and observe;
- ❖ Attend to the feelings expressed by the speaker;
- ❖ Note any special emphasis that the speaker places on certain words;
- ❖ Listen carefully, not only to what is being said, but also what is not being said;
- ❖ Listen attentively and reflect feelings;
- ❖ Accept the person's right to feel as they do. The way they see the world at this time in their life is real to them;
- ❖ Understand that listening does not require agreement;
- ❖ Be honest. If you don't know an answer or cannot provide the information requested, say so;
- ❖ Ask how the person has handled traumatic events in the past;
- ❖ Help build a structure that the person can relate to;
- ❖ Help the person identify areas in their personal life over which they can assert control;
- ❖ Listen for both feeling and content;
- ❖ Paraphrase the other's statement to gain clarification;
- ❖ Ask for clarification when necessary;
- ❖ Separate your needs, concerns, and values from the sufferer's; and

❖ Have updated, immediately available referral resources to be suggested as needed.

The don'ts:

- ❖ Be judgmental and critical.
- Don't preach;
- ❖ Force the sufferer to talk.
- Don't offer a service you can't provide;
- ❖ Interrupt speakers while they are talking unless absolutely necessary;
- ❖ Be intimidated by silence — give the person time to think and feel;
- ❖ Don't assume anything — ask for clarification;
- ❖ Don't allow the person to concentrate only on the negative aspects of their situation — help them to develop options;
- ❖ Don't push your value system or religious beliefs on the person;
- ❖ Don't give simple reassurances to people such as "it's God's will" or "at least you have your children" or "look how others have suffered"; and
- ❖ Don't proceed beyond your area of training, certification and expertise.

Final observations

This article only begins to address the implications of heightened stress, crisis and crisis management. I would urge all personnel to give serious weight to the importance of ongoing study and skills-training in this area. Being prepared to respond effectively when called upon is not just desirable, but very important.

For future reference, please note the material for this article came from the *Elements of Crisis Intervention*, 2nd Edition, published by Brooks/Cole Publishing Company, and from the *Encyclopedia of Psychology, Intervener Survival*, published by John Wiley Publishing Company.

I'd also like to thank Dr. Sharon C. Leviton, DABECI, a crisis intervention and disaster specialist in Fort Worth, Texas, for her contributions to this article. She can be reached at drleviton@juno.com.

For additional information about training opportunities, see www.emotionalfirstaid.com.

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ERICA MOORE
2003 Academy Graduate

After completing her business degree at SMU, Erica enrolled at FlightSafety Academy and earned multiengine, commercial, and instructor ratings. She then joined the First Officer Program at FlightSafety/Atlanta, where she co-pilots training missions on the Learjet 60 flight simulator.

CAPTAIN ROBERT MOORE
Delta Air Lines
Atlanta, Georgia

Following the advice of his Navy-veteran father-in-law, Bob Moore enrolled in the Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate School in 1971. He flew the Navy P3 Orion for 19 years and joined Delta Air Lines immediately after leaving active duty. Captain Moore is now a Boeing 767-400 line-check pilot with more than 27 years of service at Delta.

FlightSafety Academy grad Erica Moore and her father, senior Delta Captain Bob Moore, in the Learjet bay of FlightSafety's Atlanta Learning Center.

AS THE DAUGHTER OF A DELTA CAPTAIN, Erica Moore grew up with a love for flying, but she was unsure about making it a career.

“Every pilot I knew had military training,” explains Erica. “Dad told me, if I want to fly, I should join the Navy.”

On her own initiative, Erica looked for other alternatives, researching aviation training schools in Florida. After visits to several campuses, there was one she found worthy of her father's scrutiny: FlightSafety Academy.

“Everything about the Academy impressed me,” says Captain Moore. “Their maintenance department rivals that of major airlines – which affords optimal aircraft safety and availability. And having trained pilots myself, I know what good training looks like. I'd rate the Academy's training as excellent.”

As an Academy graduate with professional flying credentials, Erica joined the First Officer Program at FlightSafety's Atlanta Learning Center, training weekly on advanced flight simulators with corporate pilots. “The more I learn about aviation,” she says, “and the more I see of the industry, the more I respect FlightSafety Academy.”

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CAP aircrews attend FlightSafety training under new partnership

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — CAP pilots from around the country attended a Crew Resource Management Course in January at FlightSafety International's Pilot Safety Academy in Vero Beach, Fla.

Ten pilots chosen from CAP's eight regions attended the two-day course, which was custom-tailored for CAP operations.

The CRM training — billed as a "train-the-trainer" course — was developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The course focuses on integrating human factors concepts into flight crew training. Course concepts are rooted in Na-

tional Transportation Safety Board research that indicated a large percentage of aircraft accidents are aircrew related.

Bill McAleenan, assistant director of training and manager of human performance training at FSI, agreed with the NASA's findings.

"There are always at least two crew members on board an aircraft — the rational pilot and irrational pilot," Mr. McAleenan said. "The safe outcome of the flight depends on which crew member you choose to listen to."

During the training, participants reviewed aircraft accidents and discussed the breakdown in communications leading up to accidents. In some cases, pilots examined their own communication styles to determine specific strengths and weaknesses

that may affect crew coordination in the cockpit. Participants also learned strategies to improve error management, recognize leadership qualities, and reinforce effective attitudes and behavior.

The course was offered through a new partnership between CAP and FSI, the world's largest provider of aviation training services.

Bruce Whitman, FSI president and CAP Board of Governors member, sees the partnership as a way to provide additional training for safer operations.

"As a CAP board member, I wanted to make a contribution," said Mr. Whitman. "The goal of the partnership is to enhance safety and prevent accidents."

CAP Executive Director Al Allenback hopes to see more



Right, Cliff Loar, a spatial disorientation instructor with FlightSafety International's Pilot Safety Academy in Vero Beach, Fla., explains to Lt. Col. Richard G. Shortridge, director of Standardization and Evaluation for the Pacific Region, how FSI's spatial disorientation simulator operates.

CRM training in the future.

"This is a great opportunity for our members to obtain professional, CAP-specific CRM training," said Mr. Allenback. "The course offers additional training for safer

operations, and that is important for an organization like CAP that places such a high priority on safety. As this partnership develops, expect more of these training opportunities."



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Officials announce Air Force piece of 2006 defense budget

Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Air Force piece of the 2006 defense budget is designed to make the joint team better, officials said.

Announced Feb. 7, the budget grows from \$96 billion that Congress enacted for fiscal 2005, to \$102.9 billion in 2006, a senior Air Force budget official said. After covering the growing costs of inflation and fuel costs, there is real growth of about \$4 billion.

About \$34.7 billion, or 34 percent, of the proposed \$102.9 billion funding is dedicated to people. This growth covers the costs of a 3.1 percent military pay raise and 2.3 percent increase for the civilian force.

Readiness programs account for

\$29.9 billion, or 29 percent, of the proposed Air Force funding. This does not include the operations funding for the war on terror, which is funded separately in a supplemental request to Congress. Rather, it supports training and day-to-day operations, and includes increases for higher costs, especially in fuel, and additional dollars for key missions supporting the warfighter.

Modernization funding, \$35.1 billion or 34 percent of the total, does not increase significantly, but there are a number of specific programs that grow, especially programs designed to provide new capabilities in space.

Military construction makes up the remaining \$32 billion or 3 percent of the Air Force total, and grows modestly to cover upgrades to additional family housing units.

"We are at war today and the Air Force, as part of the joint warfighting team, is doing its part both operationally and through this budget to support this crucial national priority," the official said.

"The 2006 budget ensures the Air Force can execute the core missions of persistent (command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance), global mobility, and rapid strike, providing the Air Force the abil-

ity to help win the global war on terror and to strengthen and transform joint warfighting capabilities while minimizing the risk to our nation," the official said.

The overall Department of Defense budget request reflects a change from more conventional warfighting systems such as aircraft and ships, to people and weapons tailored to fighting insurgency.

President George W. Bush delivered his defense budget request for \$419.3 billion to Congress on Feb. 7. Funding for operations such as Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom is not included in the request, and they are funded in a separate supplemental budget.

A detailed Air Force budget is available at: www.dod.mil/comptroller/defbudget/fy2006/index.html.



DOD looking for people who speak foreign language or have desire to learn one?

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — If you speak a foreign language or have the desire and aptitude to learn one, Uncle Sam wants you.

Defense Department officials are looking for people with language skills to support not only current operations, but future ones as well, said Gail McGinn, deputy undersecretary of defense for plans.

"The global war on terror ... made us realize we need these capabilities, and we need people to have these skills," she said.

Language and cultural skills help servicemembers interact with the local people, Ms. McGinn said. Civil affairs specialists and interpreters deployed throughout Iraq are demonstrating the value of those skills daily as they interact with local citizens and their leaders.

But if more service-members had language skills, the operational payoff could be tremendous, she said. For ex-

ample, when coalition troops were headed north toward Baghdad at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, what if the local people had information they wanted to share? And what if the U.S. troops wanted to warn them about something or to diffuse a situation?

To help boost language skills within the military, she said, DOD officials launched or plan to introduce several new initiatives:

- ★ Increased the Defense Language Institute's budget by more than \$50 million to go toward curriculum development and improved foreign language testing, to develop more "crash courses" for developing troops and begin training students to higher levels of proficiency;

- ★ Received legislative authority to increase foreign language proficiency pay for military linguists from the current high of \$300 a month to a top rate of \$1,000;

- ★ Pays stipends to college

students involved in regional studies and language studies who agree to seek jobs within the U.S. national security establishment, through the National Security Education Program;

- ★ Established the National Flagship Language Initiative, in which colleges and universities offer advanced language training in Arabic, Korean, Chinese and Russian to students who agree to work for the national security establishment;

- ★ Initiated a pilot program within the Army encouraging Iraqi Americans to join the Individual Ready Reserve, providing a pool of Arabic linguists, ready when needed. Of more than 200 people recruited through the program, 44 have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and another 19 are awaiting deployment;

- ★ Will survey members of the current force, both military and civilian, to determine who has language skills that could prove useful in current

or future operations;

- ★ Issued a white paper encouraging the United States to promote the emphasis placed on language skills nationwide;

- ★ Promoted the development of language and translation software; and

- ★ Is considering establishing a database in which American citizens can register their language skills or sign up for a civilian linguist reserve corps that could contribute to national language requirements as needed.

Ms. McGinn said these and other initiatives under consideration will help the United States better position itself for future military operations, wherever in the world they occur.

"We're working on a lot of those initiatives to try to ... anticipate the unanticipated," she said. She said she sees the new initiatives as solid first steps in changing the importance DOD places on foreign language skills.

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CAPT JAMES W. MARTINEZ-RUIZ	FL
MAJ TREVOR H. STEWART	FL
1ST LT JEFFREY L. WHITE	FL
SM JOSE F. ZOUAIN	FL
CAPT ADAM B. DIGANDIO	KY
SM ELMER NELSON	KY
2ND LT LORI LEE ADAMS	MA
CAPT MICHAEL BARRETTE	MA

2ND LT JEFFREY COTE	MA
CAPT MARK JACOBS	MA
1ST LT CINDY SANFORD	MA
CAPT JAMES TAYLOR	MA
CAPT JOHN VANBOBO	MA
CAPT DOUGLAS A. BARTH	MD
2ND LT TIMOTHY P. FENNEMA	MD
1ST LT SHERRY A. MC MANUS	MD
1ST LT NALIKO S. PITTAWAY	MD
1ST LT DAVID G. ROESLER	MD
SM JOSHUA N. CUETARA	ME
1ST LT SUSAN F. HALL	ME
SM JESS L. WINCHESTER	ME
SM LUCA BALLINI	MI
SM ROCKWOOD BULLARD	MI
2ND LT LORRAINE GLOCIERI	MI
2ND LT BENJAMIN HARRIS	MI
2ND LT JOELLEN HARRIS	MI
1ST LT DAVID PAYNE	MI

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

BRIG GEN RICHARD L. ANDERSON	NHQ	12 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	(5TH BC)
BRIG GEN DWIGHT H. WHELESS	NHQ	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL ANDREW J. ALEXA	NHQ	19 AUG 02-21 AUG 04	(3RD BC)
COL DONALD B. ANGEL	NHQ	25 MAR 03-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL LEONARD A. BLASCOVICH	NHQ	5 SEP 01-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL DAVIS R. BONNER JR.	NHQ	12 OCT 02-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL WILLIAM S. CHARLES II	NHQ	1 MAR 03-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL AMY S. COURTER	NHQ	10 MAR 03-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL A. SCOTT CROSSFIELD	NHQ	8 DEC 88-21 AUG 04	
COL DAVID R. ELLSWORTH	NHQ	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(5TH BC)
COL MARY S. FEIK	MD	28 APR 82-21 AUG 04	
COL CORNELIUS J. FLYNN JR.	NJ	25 JUN 02-13 AUG 04	
COL REX E. GLASGOW	NCR	15 JUN 02-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL CHARLES S. GLASS	MER	5 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL RICHARD A. GREENHUT	NER	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL GENE D. HARTMAN	MER	27 AUG 03-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL LARRY D. KAUFFMAN	NHQ	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(4TH BC)
COL WILLIAM K. LORD	NHQ	3 SEP 02-21 AUG 04	
COL HERMAN H. MADDOX JR.	NHQ	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL FRANKLIN J. MCCONNELL JR.	DC	12 AUG 00-12 AUG 04	
COL KAY L. MCLAUGHLIN	NHQ	31 DEC 02-21 AUG 04	
COL JOSEPH C. MEIGHAN JR.	NHQ	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
CH (COL) JAMES H. MELANCON	NHQ	18 AUG 02-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL JOSEPH ROCK PALERMO III	NHQ	18 MAR 03-21 AUG 04	
COL ANTONIO J. PINEDA	SER	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL LYNDIA C. ROBINSON	RMR	22 SEP 01-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL HAROLD J. SCHAFER	NC	14 DEC 02 - 1 JAN 05	
COL ANDREW E. SKIBA	NHQ	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(5TH BC)
COL MERLE V. STARR	PCR	7 NOV 03-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL M.K. STRICKLER JR.	NHQ	28 MAY 72-21 AUG 04	
COL THOMAS L. TODD	SWR	1 NOV 02-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL LAWRENCE L. TRICK	MD	11 NOV 00-21 AUG 04	
COL WILLIAM W. WEBB	GLR	1 MAR 03-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
LT COL KARL H. GENG	NHQ	31 MAY 03-21 AUG 04	
LT COL SHERRY L. JONES	NHQ	18 JUL 02-21 AUG 04	
LT COL JOHN C. KERSHENSEIN	NHQ	28 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
LT COL BEVERLY L. SCOGGINS	PCR	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
LT COL HAROLD W. SCOGGINS	PCR	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
LT AUGUST W. SCHELL JR.	NHQ	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
LT COL MAURICE THOMAS III	NHQ	27 DEC 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

BRIG GEN PAUL M. BERGMAN	NHQ	30 APR 02-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL PETER L. ANDERSEN	PCR	5 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	
COL DONALD B. ANGEL	NHQ	26 SEP 01-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL DAVID J. BRAUN	NER	20 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL BRYAN W. COOPER	NER	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL CHARLES R. DAVENPORT	NHQ	20 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL GILBERT H. DAY	AZ	5 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	
COL RICHARD A. GREENHUT	NER	12 SEP 02-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL PHILLIP S. GROSHONG	PCR	21 SEP 02-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL PHILLIP S. GROSHONG	PCR	26 SEP 01-21 AUG 04	(3RD BC)
COL JOSEPH A. GUIMOND JR.	NER	12 DEC 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL JAMES V. HALDY	ID	5 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	
COL GENE D. HARTMAN	MER	12 SEP 02-21 AUG 04	
COL ROBERT A. HAYNOS	NHQ	16 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	
COL THOMMIE D. HERNDON	NHQ	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
COL LORETTA L. HOLBROOK	KY	10 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	
COL JAMES B. HUGGINS	NHQ	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL ROBERT M. KARTON	GLR	12 FEB 03-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL EDWIN W. LEWIS	PCR	12 SEP 02-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL JAMES F. LINKER	MER	10 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL WILLIAM K. LORD	NHQ	12 SEP 02-21 AUG 04	
COL BRUCE L. MARXSEN	NE	5 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
CH (COL) JOHN MURDOCH	NHQ	28 AUG 03-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL MICHAEL J. MURRELL	OH	10 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	
COL RUSSELL M. OPLAND	DE	10 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL GEORGE H. PARKER	SWR	20 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
COL BOBBY A. PICKER	ID	5 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	
COL DONALD N. PROUTY	NHQ	1 NOV 01-21 AUG 04	

COL KENNETH P. SALZMAN	PCR	11 JAN 02-21 AUG 04	
COL WALTER S. SCHAMEL	SER	12 SEP 02-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL ANDREW E. SKIBA	NHQ	12 SEP 02-21 AUG 04	
COL ANDREW E. SKIBA	NHQ	26 SEP 02-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
COL LAWRENCE STYS	WI	10 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL JOHN P. SWAIN	NHQ	19 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
COL THOMAS L. TODD	SWR	10 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	(2ND BC)
COL LAWRENCE L. TRICK	MD	10 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	
COL JOSEPH R. VAZQUEZ	MER	5 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	
LT COL AMANDA B. ANDERSON	MER	10 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	(3RD BC)
LT COL LISA K. BERG	GA	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
LT COL THOMAS R. BERG	GA	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
LT COL JOHNNIE CAIN	AK	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
LT COL DAVID E. CRAWFORD	MER	10 SEP 02-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
LT COL DAVID S. FRIEDENBERG	MER	10 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
CH (LT COL) JAMES W. HUGHES	NHQ	4 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
LT COL WILLIAM N. HUGHES, JR.	NY	5 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	
CH (LT COL) HAROLD S. JOHNSON	NHQ	4 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
LT COL HARRY E. JONES	GA	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
LT COL JUNE H. MADDOX	VA	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
LT COL MICHAEL T. MCNEELY	VA	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
LT COL DAVID L. MIKELSON	FL	5 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	
LT COL STEVEN D. PALMQUIST	IA	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
LT COL LARRY D. SIDLE	GLR	5 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	
LT COL DAVID B. THOMPSON	MER	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
LT COL NORMA C. THOMPSON	MER	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
CH (LT COL) KENNETH VAN LOON	NHQ	4 SEP 03-21 AUG 04	(1ST BC)
LT COL LAURIE A. WATSON	OH	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
MAJ HARRY P. BRIDGES	NC	10 OCT 01-21 AUG 04	
CAPT FRANCIS W. MORAN	MD	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
CAPT NADINE L. ELLSWORTH-MORAN	MER	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	
1ST LT KATHLEEN J. MCLELLAN	MD	17 NOV 03-21 AUG 04	
SM ROBERT S. KIRKHAM	TN	18 AUG 01-21 AUG 04	

COMMANDER'S COMMENDATION AWARD

LT COL JOHN O. POSTL	MA	6 MAR 04-21 AUG 04
MAJ JOHN N. CORR	OR	6 MAR 04-21 AUG 04
CADET DEXTER J. WEBB	JAPAN	1 JAN 03-1 DEC 04

UNIT CITATION AWARD

DELAWARE WING		1 SEP 03-1 SEP 04
FLORIDA WING		13 AUG 04-30 SEP 04 (10TH AWARD)
KELLOGG FIELD SENIOR SQUADRON	MI	1 APR 03-1 MAR 04
LOS ALAMOS COMPOSITE SQUADRON	NM	1 NOV 04-25 DEC 04 (4TH AWARD)
STARBASE COMPOSITE SQUADRON	OK	19 JAN 04-31 MAY 04

RETIREMENTS

COL HENRY A. ELGIN JR.	CO	28 OCT 71-31 DEC 04	33
LT COL WILLIAM C. CURETON III	FL	28 DEC 83-31 DEC 04	21
LT COL WALTER H. HAAS	IL	28 DEC 49-4 FEB 05	56
MAJ JOHN C. ROWLES	MN	28 MAY 62-31 DEC 04	42
LT COL EDWARD A. AMSBURY	FL	28 NOV 72-30 NOV 04	32
LT COL WILLIAM M. CONNER	VA	28 JUN 51-28 JUN 04	53
LT COL PATRICIA A. PIOREK	NH	28 MAY 79-1 JAN 05	25
LT COL THADDEUS PIOREK JR	NH	28 SEP 78-1 JAN 05	26
LT COL JACK M. SCHMIDT, JR	HI	28 JUL 82-31 AUG 04	22
LT COL PAL SCULLY	TX	28 JAN 79-1 OCT 04	25
LT COL IRVING F. STURM	NJ	28 NOV 80-30 NOV 04	24
CH (LT COL) MICHAEL E. TACHET	CA	28 DEC 79-1 DEC 04	25
MAJ EARL L. BERGER	CO	28 FEB 73-29 FEB 04	31
MAJ EDMUND J. GAGLIARDI	PA	28 OCT 69-1 OCT 04	35
MAJ ROBERT L. KISTLER	AZ	28 JUL 84-30 SEP 04	20
CAPT AILEEN R. ANDERSON	NH	28 DEC 79-28 DEC 04	25
CAPT RODNEY C. BLACK	VA	28 OCT 84-31 OCT 04	20
CAPT GREGORY A. FETT	IN	28 JAN 83-31 JAN 05	22
CAPT MEREDITH V. REITNOUER	CA	28 NOV 69-30 NOV 04	35
1ST LT ROGER D. FAGERMAN	MN	28 NOV 78-30 NOV 04	26
1ST LT MARION J. PRATT	AZ	28 SEP 82-30 SEP 04	22

CAPT KEITH RIGGS	MI	SM JAMES COLGAN	PA
2ND LT DAVID R. ADAMS	MN	CAPT JILL DOWDRICK	PA
2ND LT RICHARD D. BARNES	MN	SM SHAWN HEROLD	PA
SM NATHAN B. CHESLEY	MN	CAPT RICHARD GRAY	PA
2ND LT KATHLEEN M. EETEN	MN	1ST LT WILLIAM PARISH	PA
SM TOM K. FLEMING	MN	SM HAROLD ROACH	PA
CAPT MARK D. GESCHE	MN	1ST LT CHARLES WEDGE	PA
2ND LT GAIL M. KEPHART	MN	MAJ WILLIAM WIDMANN	PA
MAJ RICHARD W. LARSON	MN	MAJ JANEEN H. CHAZELL	RMR
SM GUY OLSON	MN	2ND LT YARBOROUGH M. GLEATON	SC
CAPT GREG OPDAHL	MN	CAPT TINA M. HAMILTON	SC
1ST LT DAVID A. PHELPS	MN	1ST LT JOSEPH J. HUBBARD	SC
1ST LT DOUGLAS J. PLOYHAR	MN	CAPT OLIVER S. KASKA	SC
SM JEREMY W. PRICE	MN	2ND LT JAN M. KELLY	SC
2ND LT APRIL E. ROSTAD	MN	CAPT DOUGLAS MCCURRY	SC
SM JOHN N. SETEN	MN	CAPT MICHAEL R. PEGRAM	SC
SM DALLAS L. SHEARER	MN	CAPT JAMES F. TODD	SC
MAJ MERLYN D. SMEENK	MN	SM MONA L. BERG	SD
SM JOSHUA A. STROSCHEN	MN	CAPT DEBRA DAVIS	SD
SM JESSE L. THEOBALD	MN	1ST LT BERNADETTE J. DEVAULT	SD
1ST LT DENNIS J. WELU	MN	SM DEAN A. HENDERSON	SD
MAJ RICHARD E. WENZEL	MN	LT COL GARY W. HEWETT	SD
2ND LT STEVEN G. BRUST	MO	2ND LT ERIC L. HINEMAN	SD
2ND LT JOHN C. GARVEY	MO	CAPT TODD J. NICOLAI	SD
CAPT MICHAEL O. MCCRADY	MO	2ND LT TIMOTHY C. SHELTON	SD
2ND LT DAWN M. PEERY	MO	MAJ TIMOTHY J. STEPPAN	SD
2ND LT JASON R. WILLIAMS	MO	2ND LT ROY E. BAKER	TN
CAPT JAMIE L. GRIFFITH	MS	MAJ RALPH N. DOOLIN	TN
SM BRENDAS S. RECTOR	MS	MAJ CHARMIANE W. FREEMAN	TN
SM TOMMY R. RECTOR	MS	CAPT PAT JOSEPH MCMILLEN	TN
CAPT MIGUEL A. RIVERA	MS	CAPT KARLA D. MULLINAX	TN
1ST LT PATRICK C. WALKER	MS	MAJ MAURICE D. PATTERSON	TN
SM VINCENT J. ALTOBELLO	NC	CAPT TERRY F. SHERLIN	TN
CAPT JAMES E. ELLIOTT	NC	1ST LT DONALD E. SIMS	TN
1ST LT JOHN E. GODFREY	NC	CAPT PHILLIP SMITH	TN
MAJ NORMAN C. NOAH	NC	2ND LT CYNTHIA WELLS	TN
1ST LT JONATHAN A. WIGGS	NC	MAJ ALEXANDER G. ALVAREZ	TX
2ND LT PAUL A. WORTHY	NC	2ND LT RANDOLPH ASHLEY	TX
1ST LT LUANE M. MONDOUX	NH	2ND LT CORY D. BIGHAM	TX
LT COLDON BLUMENFELD	NJ	SM KEVIN G. BRADY	TX
CAPT PETER J. BRUCK	NJ	1ST LT VIRGINIA D. BRYMER	TX
SM CHARITY A. CALLAHAN	NJ	1ST LT GREGORY A. CHAPLIN	TX
1ST LT MICHAEL G. CARTER	NJ	2ND LT DEREK E. CONAWAY	TX
CAPT DAVID W. HARKNESS	NJ	1ST LT MARK DEJESUS	TX
1L JAMES E. SOOS	NJ	MAJ RONALD P. FORY	TX
MAJ MICHAEL A. SPERRY	NJ	MAJ JERALD R. LANDIS	TX
CAPT TIMOTHY D. BOESE	ND	CAPT ROBERT W. MANNING	TX
CAPT MICHELLE R. EMS	ND	CAPT LAWRENCE MATTIELLO	TX
2ND LT ALLEN J. HIRZEL	ND	LT COL RICHARD G. PYLE	TX
SM SCOTT F. SULICH	ND	1ST LT JERRY L. ROWLEY	TX
SM CHARLES LEWIS	NE	SM YORAM SOLOMON	TX
SM TERRY E. MITENKO	NE	2ND LT RAUL VIDRO	TX
2ND LT JOSEPH ROBERTS	NE	CAPT LEONARD B. WIDEMAN	TX
SM MARK A. GOODMAN	NV	CAPT TIMOTHY T. BRENDLE	VA
SM RONALD M. BARISH	NY	SM JOSEPH C. COOK	VA
SM DANIEL M. BIRK	NY	2ND LT BART A. DRUMMOND	VA
SM STEPHEN P. DEWEY	NY	SM DANIEL P. EDWARDS	VA
SM BRADLEY C. DONAHUE	NY	1ST LT PATTY A. GENTILE	VA
SM DONALD M. ERCKERT	NY	SM MICHAEL A. HART	VA
2ND LT JACQUELINE ESTEVEZ	NY	SM BRIAN M. KERNS	VA
1ST LT MATHEW C. HAMMOND	NY	SM BRUCE A. MILLER	VA
2ND LT MICHAEL J. JOHNSON	NY	SM HAROLD W. MUSTAIN	VA
SM HEINRICH LUTZ	NY	1ST LT HOWARD L. SANDEFER	VA
MAJ LAWRENCE MODEL	NY	2ND LT TEKANG WANG	VA
2ND LT JAMES A. RIDLEY	NY	1ST LT JAMES BANTA	WA
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2ND LT WILLIAM N. HAM	OR	2ND LT BRETT KNAPP	WA
CAPT LYNNELL J. HOFFER	OR	2ND LT EDWARD MIAO	WA
1ST LT GEORGE P. LANNING	OR	2ND LT WILLIAM NEAL	WA
1ST LT SANDRA E. NEAL	OR	2ND LT DARELL PHILLIPS	WA
2ND LT LARRY A. SEITH	OR	2ND LT ROBERT RAY	WA
CAPT JACK L. WARRINGTON	OR	CAPT THEODORE J. AGNELLO	WI
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CAPT HAROLD L. DOLAN	WI
1ST LT DAVID J. FISH	WI
SM FRANK A. GOONAN	WI
1ST LT CHARLES R. HARRIS	WI
LT COL JAMES HUHTA	WI
2ND LT BRUCE R. JONET	WI
SMSGT STEVEN W. LUCKEY	WI
1ST LT RON P. MARTO	WI
1ST LT KENT B. PIEPER	WI
1ST LT PAUL J. SPANBAUER	WI
SM JAMES A. THOMPSON	WI
1ST LT GERALD J. WAUTIER	WI
SM ABIGAIL E. WELLS	WI
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CHANDLER D. MALICHANH	UT
CHRIS J. WHITE	VA
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JESSICA D. GENTRY	CO
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COLLIN J. LYNCH	GA
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MARC S. DAIGLE	LA
CRISTIAN K. LE BLANC	LA
BENJAMIN W. IWUC	MA
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BENJAMIN J. PIEHL	MN
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MICAH J. LAVANCHY	MO
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ROBERT D. GRETE	MS
MICHAEL R. BARICH	NC
KATHRYN A. CHALMERS	NC
RUSSELL S. CREECH	NC
CHRISTOPHER A. LASPADA	NC
CORY J. THORNTON	NC
ERIC M. PERRON	NH
CHRISTOPHER G. CRANN	NJ
ANTHONY J. SCHOEPP	NJ
BENJAMIN D. ANDRACA	NM
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JACOB S. FUENTES	NM
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PAUL WHITTAKER	WA
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ROGER A. PETTIT	WV



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CHASE A. BLACKFORD	AZ
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ALEX DUFFEE	AZ
MANDY S. HERNANDEZ	AZ
ALEX R. LINK	AZ
MATTHEW E. RAMAGE	AZ
MATTHEW H. BEEZY	CA
MARCUS A. BITAR	CA

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BLANCA CONTRERAS	CA
TIMOTHY V. DOMBROWSKI	CA
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MATTHEW D. GILES	CA
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ZACHARY A. HOWARD	CA
RICH A. HUYNH	CA
BRETT D. JACK	CA
BRAD A. MCELVAIN	CA
SIMON D. MOFFATT	CA
THOMAS P. POSEY	CA
JORDAN J. RABASTE	CA
MATTHEW SCHOLEFIELD	CA
SAMUEL A. TELLEZ	CA
ANDREW S. TINTLE	CA
TODD M. WILLEY	CA
ANDREW D. ZELIFF	CA
BRADFORD S. GARRISON	CO
PATRICK J. MCCOY	CO
MATTHEW N. MILLER	CO
RANE Z. ROWWEDER	CO
ANTHONY W. SIMMONS	CO
KIMBERLEY A. SMITH	CO
ANDREW WAGNER	CO
ALLISON A. WERTENBERGER	CO
ROBERT RUSSELL	CT
PAUL R. CLEVELAND	DE
ANTHONY L. RUSSO	DE
SARAH E. SHOVESTAL	DE
CAITLIND TWYFORD	DE
WALTER L. VANAMAN	DE
JOSE R. CONESA	FL
JAMES P. COOK	FL
JAMES M. ECKHART	FL
JUSTIN W. FRAZEE	FL
BRYAN A. GORDON	FL
PATRICK C. GRIFFITH	FL
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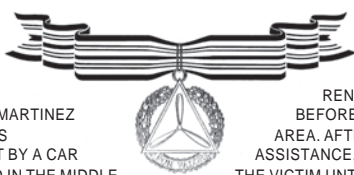
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FIRST LIEUTENANT OZIEL REYES OF THE PUERTO RICO WING DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY CONSPICUOUS, HEROIC ACTION ON 22 APRIL 2004.

WHILE DRIVING HIS CAR ON THE MARTINEZ NADAL HIGHWAY, LIEUTENANT REYES OBSERVED A PEDESTRIAN BEING HIT BY A CAR AND THEN LANDING ON THE GROUND IN THE MIDDLE OF ONE OF THE BUSIEST HIGHWAYS IN THE SAN JUAN METROPOLITAN AREA.

WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY, LIEUTENANT REYES STOPPED HIS VEHICLE, BLOCKING ANY OTHER INCOMING VEHICLES



THAT COULD CAUSE GREATER INJURY TO THE VICTIM.

LIEUTENANT REYES THEN STEPPED FROM HIS VEHICLE AND

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NEW JERSEY – Eight Walter M. Schirra Jr. Composite Squadron cadets and three senior members spoke at a Boy Scout Troop 170 meeting in Haledon, N.J.

Maj. Jack Soldano, squadron commander, introduced the CAP program with a short video and narrative.

Afterwards, squadron members answered audience questions and then displayed their 24-hour emergency gear packs.

The Scouts were also invited to attend one of the squadron meetings in the near future.

1st Lt. Larry Nasano

NEW YORK – Members of the Broome Tioga Composite Squadron held its quarterly promotion ceremony.

Highlighting the ceremony were the promotions of senior member Richard Bohman, who was promoted to lieutenant colonel, and his son, cadet Andrew Bohman, who was promoted to airman first class.

Colonel Bohman served in the U.S. Navy and logged hundreds of hours flying H-46 Sea Knight helicopters, retiring as a commander after 23 years of service. He currently serves as the Southern Tier district manager of the New York State Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities.

Other members earning promotions were:

- ✈ Cadet Kimble Kerin - senior master sergeant;
- ✈ Cadet Mark Weston - tech sergeant;
- ✈ Cadet Shawn Clark - staff sergeant;
- ✈ Cadet Devon Crampton -

senior airman;

✈ Cadet Mike Pratt - senior airman;

✈ Cadet Spencer Griffis - airman;

✈ Cadet Erica Turrell - airman; and

✈ Senior Member Oliver Thornton - flight officer.

2nd Lt. Don Burshnick

NEW YORK – Nearly 80 cadets, senior members, friends and family attended Niagara Falls Composite Squadron's Dining Out and Awards Dinner at the Como Restaurant in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The dining-out is a military tradition that started hundreds of years ago. Today, the modern dining-out continues the custom of bringing a unit together on a social basis, fostering a spirit of teamwork and pride.

President of the mess was Capt. Francesco Chiarella, squadron commander, and mister vice was Cadet 2nd Lt. Jonathan Sanfilippo, who sent those who violated the rules of the Mess to the grog bowl.

Distinguished guests included Lt. Col. Charles Jones, Western N.Y. Group vice commander, and U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Pamela Norkaitis, a veteran of Desert Storm and the only female C-130 pilot from the 914th Air Wing in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Also attending were: Lt. Col. Larry Stubbs, former New York Wing vice commander; Lt. Col. Pat Vierling; Lt. Col. Barbara Manley, Western New York Group; and Maj. Ed Garbaty.

After dinner, cadets played patriotic music, a comedy skit was performed by senior members, a moving year-in-review presentation was made, produced by Cpts. Tom Baldwin and Diane Rothberg, and Maj. John Risio, deputy commander for cadets and dining-out project officer, opened the cadet awards and recognition program.



Lt. Col. Richard Bohman, center, and his son, Cadet Airman Andrew Bohman, pose for a photo during Broome Tioga Composite Squadron's quarterly promotion ceremony. Colonel Bohman was promoted to lieutenant colonel and Cadet Bohman was promoted to airman first class. Also pictured is Colonel Bohman's wife.

Colonel Jones presented the Aerospace Education Excellence award to Captains Rothberg and Baldwin, squadron aerospace education officers and orientation pilots, and certificates to cadets who participated in CAP's 2004 Aerospace Education Excellence Program.

Colonel Norkaitis then presented Gen. Billy Mitchell

awards to the following cadets: Alexis Jenkins, Jessie Jenkins, Robynn Murray, Jonathan Sanfilippo and James Stark.

The 2003 Cadet of the Year Award was presented to Cadet 2nd Lt. Jonathon Sanfilippo, and Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Brendan Lindahl was named the 2003 Cadet Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

The 2004 Outstanding

NY BROTHERS EARN MITCHELL AWARDS



From left, New York Wing's Suffolk Cadet Squadron Commander Capt. Michael Kelly, cadets 2nd Lts. Michael Schonig and Thomas Schonig, and Long Island Group Commander Lt. Col. Norman Greenberg pose for a photo after the brothers were presented their Gen. Billy Mitchell awards by Colonel Greenberg.

New Cadet Award was presented to Cadet Staff Sgt. Kerrie Nimmo. The 2004 Cadet Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award was presented to Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Shaan Patel, and Cadet 2nd Lt. Jessie Jenkins received the 2004 Cadet Officer of the Year Award.

The highlight of the evening began when Captain Chiarella announced the 2004 Senior Member of the Year Award went to Maj. Paul Heisig, who recently passed away, and his wife, Lt. Col. Leonor Heisig, who is retiring from the squadron. The evening was dedicated to their more than 20 years of devoted service to the squadron. Colonel Heisig, together with her son, Maurice, who was a former squadron cadet, also accepted Commander Commendation awards from Col. Austyn W. Granville Jr., New York Wing commander.

Maj. John J. Risio

NEW YORK – Members of New York Wing's Col. Francis S. Gabreski Squadron, along with family members and friends, attended the squadron's end-of-year awards ceremony at the armory in Patchogue, N.Y.

The ceremonies began with the presentation of the colors, followed by opening remarks by Maj. Louis Fenech, squadron commander. He then presented the following promotions and awards:

- ✈ Senior Members Ed Rymas and Paul Ryan, promoted to second lieutenant;
- ✈ Cadet Steven Wrobel, promoted to senior master sergeant;
- ✈ Cadets Mary Beth Hammer, Robert Perez and Andrew Chandler, promoted to airman;
- ✈ Airman 1st Class Stephen Ervin, cadet of the year award.
- ✈ Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Wrobel and Cadet Staff Sgt. Linda Kelsey, cadet of distinction award;
- ✈ 1st Lt. Nathan Hillard, senior of the year award; and
- ✈ 2nd Lts. Jim Ridley and Ed Rymas, senior of distinction award.

To end the ceremony, guest of honor, Lt. Col. Marilyn Rey, New York Wing director of aerospace education, presented the Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace

Education Achievement Award" to 2nd Lt. James Ridley.

Major Fenech thanked the cadets and seniors for their hard work and noted all the unit's 2004 accomplishments.

2nd Lt. James A. Ridley Sr.

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VIRGINIA ★ WEST VIRGINIA

MARYLAND – Three Carroll Composite Squadron cadets were awarded their Gen. Billy Mitchell awards during the squadron's year-end banquet on Dec. 11 in Westminster, Md.

Lt. Col. Gerard Weiss, Group 2 commander, presented Cadets Nicholas Krionderis, Ariel Rabe and Jacob Reed their Mitchell awards. He was assisted by Maj. Christian Ready, squadron commander.

Cadet Krionderis, 14, of Westminster, is a freshman at Westminster High School. He is a flight commander for the squadron and also serves as cadet emergency services officer. He has been a member of CAP for three years and plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Cadet Rabe, 18, of Owings Mills, Md., is a senior at Owings Mills High School. He serves as cadet deputy commander and cadet moral leadership officer. He has been a member of CAP for three years and plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy and become a pilot or engineer.

Cadet Reed, 14, of Westminster, is a homeschooled 10th grader and part-time student at Carroll Community College. He serves as a flight commander and is the cadet leadership officer for the Carroll squadron, where he has been a member for two years. He is also the vice chair of the Maryland Wing Cadet Advisory Council and a member of the Maryland Wing

Drill Team. He plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

2nd Lt. Brenda Reed

NORTH CAROLINA – Sixteen Group 2 cadets of the North Carolina Wing and 10 Tennessee Wing cadets were recently hosted by the 134th Air Refueling Wing of the Tennessee Air National Guard on a flight over Northeast Tennessee.

The flight was made in two KC-135s, an Ohio-based C-141 Starlifter to practice air-to-air refueling procedures. The flights are necessary periodically to keep boom operators and pilots current in case of long deployments where air-to-air refueling is necessary to the mission. The tankers are based at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base in Alcoa, Tenn.

When the pilots of one aircraft were told Cadet Airman Charlie Wilcox of Hickory Composite Squadron had soloed, U.S. Air Force Maj. Brian Wilson commented, "Good. We need him on the flight deck."

Cadets and senior members on the mission were from North Carolina Wing's Hickory, Boone and Iredell Composite squadrons, Group 2 Headquarters, and Tennessee Wing's McGhee-Tyson and Oak Ridge Composite squadrons.

In an activity coordinated through John Carnduff, Tennessee Wing state director, the cadets spent one night on base and ate breakfast in the dining hall before the flight.



134th Air-to-Air Refueling Flight crew members pose with North Carolina Wing cadets after a tanker orientation flight over Northeast Tennessee.

Several letters of thanks were forwarded to U.S. Air Force Col. Tim Dearing, 134th ARW commander, for allowing the cadets on the mission.

Lt. Col. James O. Carr

NORTH CAROLINA – North Carolina Wing's Group 3 members presented a donation of \$438 to the North Carolina National Guard Family Assistance Service of Greensboro, N.C., in support of Operation Old North State.

Operation Old North State assists families of deployed North Carolina Guardsmen during the holidays. The program was initiated by Col. Harold "Tink" Schaffer, North

Carolina wing commander, following the wing conference in November.

Presenting the check to Katy Jones of the Family Service office were Maj. Stephen Bagby, Group 3 deputy commander, and Maj. Tom Weber, Group 3 chief of staff.

Group 3 squadrons raising contributions for the donation included: Burlington Composite, Davidson County Composite, Winston Salem Composite, Randolph Composite, Greensboro Composite and 141st SAR Composite squadrons.

Maj. Norman Noah Jr.

VIRGINIA – The Virginia Wing held its annual conference at the Wyndham Roanoke Airport Hotel in Roanoke, Va.

Honored guests at the head table were: Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless, CAP national commander; Col. Charles Glass, Middle East Region commander; Air Force Lt. Col. Gerald Sohan, Middle East Region liaison officer; and Mr. Donald Burke, Virginia Wing state director.

Also seated at the head table were: Col. Richard Moseley, Virginia Wing commander; Lt. Col. Eric Litt, Virginia Wing vice commander; Maj. Rob Edwards, Virginia Wing chaplain; and Lt. Col. Warren Vest, Virginia Wing chief of staff and the morning's master of ceremonies.

Three changes of command were held during the morning assembly, with Colonel Glass presiding.



Maj. Stephen Bagby, deputy commander of North Carolina Wing's Group 3, left, and Maj. Tom Weber, Group 3 chief of staff, right, pose for a photo after presenting a \$438 donation to Katy Jones, a family assistance coordinator with the North Carolina National Guard Family Assistance Center in Greensboro, N.C. The money was raised by the squadron members of Group 3 for the Guard's "Operation Old North State," a program to help the family members of deployed North Carolina Guardsmen during the holidays.

Colonel Moseley, who had served as acting commander since the death of Colonel Cramer, assumed command of the wing. The late Colonel Cramer's wife, Marcia, represented her husband in the ceremony.

Colonel Moseley then presided over a change of command for groups 3 and 5. Lt. Col. Sandra McInturff assumed command of Group 3 from Lt. Col. James Truxel, who was appointed the new wing director of Operations. Maj. Thomas Portanova assumed command of Group 5 from Maj. Joseph Bateman, who was appointed the new director of Emergency Services.

Also during the morning assembly, CAP members having 15 years or more of service were recognized. Lt. Col. Carolyn Guertin, who joined CAP Oct. 28, 1948, was recognized for 56 years of service, and Capt. Rudy Fraterrigo, who joined June 10, 1944, 60 years.

The following awards were also presented:

- ✦ Charles Cranford, promoted to major;
- ✦ Capts. Rudy Fraterrigo and Michael Bronson, Grover Loening Award;
- ✦ Capt. Frank Kalupa, 2004 Aerospace Education Officer of the Year;
- ✦ Capt. Catherine Egan, 2004 Personnel and Administration Officer of the Year;
- ✦ Capt. Nancy Bateman, 2004 Public Affairs Officer of the Year;
- ✦ Capt. Charlene Charlene Shidisky, 2004 Supply Officer of the Year;
- ✦ Lt. Col. Gene Harrison, 2004 Communicator of the Year;
- ✦ Capt. Susan Parson, 2004 Safety Officer of the Year;
- ✦ Lt. Col. James Stover, 2004 Senior Member of the Year;
- ✦ Ground Search and Rescue Competition, Fredericksburg Composite Squadron members cadets Col. Clifton Pleasant, 2nd Lt. Chris Dillie, Senior Master Sgt. Jason Oergel, Staff Sgt. Joseph Oergel and Airman 1st Class Victoria Triana;
- ✦ 1st Lt. David Berryman, 2003/2004 Moral Leadership Officer of the Year;
- ✦ Capt. Jack Noble, Virginia Wing Chaplain; 2003 Middle East Region Chaplain

of the Year, and 2003 Beverly Barge Chaplain of the Year; and

✦ Capt. Timothy Graham, Group 3 Chaplain, 2004 Beverly Barge Chaplain of the Year.

Also, four Meritorious Service awards and 10 Commander's Commendation certificates of appreciation for outstanding duty were presented.

General Wheless presented the Distinguished Service Award, posthumously, to the late Colonel Cramer for his exemplary service to Virginia Wing during his term as commander from April 2003 to July 2004. His wife, Marcia, accepted the award.

Afternoon events included an ongoing demonstration with "Fatal Vision Goggles." When worn, these goggles allow the person to see what it looks like to drive when drinking alcohol.

Seminar topics included: Safety, public affairs, emergency services, professional development, drug demand reduction, communications, chaplain services, and cadet activities.

Lt. Col. Linda J. Utting

WEST VIRGINIA – National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Antonio Pineda was the guest speaker during the West Virginia Wing's 63rd Wing Conference and Banquet at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston, W.Va.

General Pineda spoke on the topic of "freedom," sharing with those attending a part of his boyhood life's first-hand experience of one day realizing the American dream. At the time of his childhood, he was living in a country that was totally oppressed, and even as a young boy he was affected by the lack of freedom. His dream to live in a free country was fulfilled when he and his mother arrived in America when he was 13.

Other distinguished guests were: Col. Rodney F. Moody, West Virginia Wing commander; Col. Charles S. Glass, Middle East Region commander; and Air Force Lt. Col. Gerald E. Sohan, Middle East Liaison Region commander.

More than 169 members attended the conference that began in the morning with registration, a general assembly and an awards ceremony. In the afternoon, members

attended their choice of three seminars covering topics such as aerospace education, emergency services, drug demand reduction, finance, safety, communications, flight operations, cadet programs, administrative electronic services, the Oshkosh experience, fuel for health, and professional development.

A Drug Demand Reduction seminar was presented by West Virginia National Guard personnel, and was attended by Brig. Gen. Stanley Jaworski, director of operations, and Col. Don Taylor, director of Counterdrug operations, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C.

A public affairs historical video featuring 2004 West Virginia Wing events was presented during the evening banquet.

Some of the awards presented during the conference and banquet included: Cadet and senior promotions, cadet and senior training awards, longevity awards, commander's commendations, and appreciation awards.

Three members were awarded a Commander's Special Commendation Award: Lt. Col. Eugene Thorn with West Virginia Wing Headquarters, for his work in emergency services; and Maj. John R. Heis, Morgantown Composite Squadron commander, and 1st Lt. Ross A. White of Clarksburg Composite Squadron for their dedication to CAP's aerospace education program. For several consecutive years, they both spearheaded a road trip to Oshkosh, Wis., taking cadets to the largest air show in the United States.

The Squadron of Merit was presented to the Mid Valley Composite Squadron. The West Virginia Wing's Squadron of the Year Award was presented to the Clarksburg Composite Squadron.

Senior member of the year was presented to Col. Bobby R. Anderson, wing director of operations. The 2004 Most Outstanding Cadet was presented to Cadet Capt. Cody R. Pugh of the Parkersburg Composite Squadron.

Exceptional Service awards were presented to Lt. Col. Dennis D. Barron, wing DDR administrator, and Lt. Col. Connie S. Moody, director of administration and person-

nel, wing headquarters.

A Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving was awarded to Cadet Lt. Col. Sterley C. Flanagan and Chief Master Sgt. Bradley C. Lilly of the Greenbrier Composite Squadron.

Maj. Amelia G. Brooks

GREAT LAKES REGION

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COL. WILLIAM W. WEBB

ILLINOIS ★ INDIANA
KENTUCKY ★ MICHIGAN
OHIO ★ WISCONSIN

ILLINOIS – Seventy-two senior members, cadets and guests attended Group 14's annual holiday awards dinner at the Maple Meadows Golf Club in Wood Dale, Ill.

The dinner was hosted by Maj. Gil Paik, Group 14 commander. Capt. Martin Stuck, chaplain, opened the ceremonies with the invocation.

The Cadet of the Year Award was presented by Col. Jay Burrell, wing commander, to Cadet Col. Phil Rosen with Woodfield Composite Squadron. Capt. Steve Snyder, squadron commander, received the award in Cadet Rosen's

absence. The Senior Member of the Year Award was presented by Colonel Burrell to Maj. Richard Miller with Group 14 Headquarters.

The Squadron of Merit Award was presented to the Woodfield Composite Squadron. The Command Service Award was presented by Colonel Burrell to Maj. James Bartel, Col. Shorty Powers Composite Squadron, and Capt. Tom Cardwell of Fox Valley Composite Squadron.

Colonel Burrell received the Wing Commander Service Award from Maj. Gil Paik of Group 14 Headquarters.

Major Paik presented Commander's Commendation awards to Capt. Steve Snyder and 2nd Lt. Andy Seidler, both with the Woodfield Composite Squadron.

Major Miller presented the Brig. Gen. Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award to 1st Lt. Deborah Peters of the Col. Shorty Powers Composite Squadron, 1st Lt. Mark Esposito and Capt. Tom Cardwell, both of the Fox Valley Composite Squadron. Maj. Paik also presented the same award to Major Miller.

Special mention of 1st Lt. Steve Kulisek with the Col. Shorty Powers Composite Squadron by Maj. Paik. Lieutenant Kulisek was a member of the drill team that was the first in Illinois to win the national title. He was awarded a silver star on his National Cadet Competition Ribbon in 1984.

The guest speaker was



Col. Jay Burrell, Illinois Wing commander, presents the Senior Member of the Year Award to Maj. Richard Miller of Group 14 Headquarters, while Capt. Steve Snyder, Woodfield Composite Squadron commander, looks on during the group's annual holiday awards dinner in Wood Dale, Ill.

Chief Phil Schwart of Melrose Park Public Safety, who spoke about the similarities, differences and benefits of CAP and municipal public safety agency training.

Sr. Mbr. James Kalemis

ILLINOIS – Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Jacob Rueth of the Lewis Composite Squadron was presented his Gen. Billy Mitchell Award and promoted to the grade of second lieutenant on Jan. 6.

The award was presented by Lt. Col. David Heitman, Illinois Group 2 commander, during a promotion and awards ceremony at squadron headquarters in Romeoville, Ill.

Cadet Rueth joined CAP in May 2003 and has participated in various encampments, including the National Blue Beret, and helped on the flight line during the annual Experimental Aircraft Association air show in Oshkosh, Wis. He is currently qualified in urban direction finding, flight line marshalling and mission radio operation, and has been credited with seven "finds."

Cadet Rueth is currently a junior at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park, Ill., and is taking flight lessons to help him reach his career goal of becoming a professional pilot.

Also recognized during the ceremony were: Cadets 2nd Lt. Jonathan Steinbach, who was promoted to first lieutenant, and Airman Basic Brian Miller, who was promoted to airman.

2nd Lt. Daniel Wynard

ILLINOIS – Illinois Wing Group 22 and Palwaukee Composite Squadron members hosted a holiday party.

The 120 people attending witnessed a squadron change-of-command ceremony, as well as the presentation of a number of honors to the outgoing squadron commander.

During the change of command, the squadron flag was symbolically passed by Lt. Col. Charles Boyle, outgoing squadron commander, to Maj. Grant Farrell, Group 22

commander. Major Farrell then presented the flag to Capt. Bob Williams, indicating command of the squadron had officially been passed to him.

Following the ceremony, Colonel Boyle was presented with an Exceptional Service Award by Col. Jay Burrell, Illinois Wing commander. Colonel Burrell was joined by two former Illinois wing commanders, Col. Robert Karton and Col. Steve Peters, in making the presentation, which recognized Col. Boyle's 19 years of service to the squadron, group and wing. Colonel Burrell also presented Colonel Boyle with a Commander's Commendation for his excellent work in maintaining the CAP aircraft stationed at Palwaukee Municipal Airport.

Scott Landorf of the Federal Aviation Administration then presented Colonel Boyle with the FAA Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award, which recognizes pilots who have contributed to building and maintaining the safest aviation system in the world by practicing and promoting safe flight for 50 consecutive years or more. He also gave Colonel Boyle certified copies of all of his FAA records during his more than 50 years of flying.

Colonel Boyle presented Capt. John Hanusin with the 2004 Squadron Member of the Year Award, and outstanding member awards to Lt. Col. Omer Dockstader, and Capts. John Mitchell and Joseph Schroeder.

Colonel Boyle is a retired photo journalist at NBC5 Chicago, Ill. Carol Marin, a nationally known investigative reporter and former NBC news anchor, was also in attendance at the event to recognize her friend and former colleague. She spoke warmly of her experiences with Colonel Boyle. Her producer, Don Moseley was also in attendance to honor the colonel.

Two Palwaukee Composite Squadron members also received promotions. 1st Lt. Paul Hanna was promoted to captain and was pinned by his wife, Jennifer, and Captain Williams. Senior Member Aaron Giertz was promoted to second lieutenant and was pinned by Colonel Burrell and Captain Williams.

Capt. Paul J. Hanna

KENTUCKY – Centenary Composite Squadron cadets adopted a "humanitarian aid mission" of their own during their holiday break in Lexington, Ky.

Six cadets and one senior member spent one day of their Christmas vacation wrapping gifts, packaging boxes of food and transporting them to some of the less fortunate people of Jessamine County, Ky.

When approached about this volunteer opportunity, the cadets' response was overwhelming. The Jessamine County Community Action Center was contacted and arrangements were made. At the end of the day's work, the cadets also asked to schedule more community service projects.

Cadet Senior Airman Clay Davis summed up the squadron's attitude best when he said, "My life has been so blessed; it makes me feel good to give something back."

Capt. Jim Baker

OHIO –

Twelve-year-old Cadet 1st Lt. Duane McKinley of the Lakefront Thunderbirds Composite Squadron has become the youngest cadet commander in the Ohio Wing.

As a CAP member, Cadet McKinley has participated in an Ohio Wing drill team competition, squadron color guard, a search and rescue mission, cadet conference, and ground team training. He has earned his rocketry badge and qualified as an advanced radio operator.

The cadet is the squadron representative to the wing cadet advisory council. Last summer he was the assistant public affairs officer for the Cadet Basic Encampment at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He has attended Honor Guard Academy at Camp Pendleton, Va., for the past two

summers, and was in the 2003 Honor Flight.

Cadet McKinley's interests include military history, especially the Civil War, and geography. He plans to earn his Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award and attend a military academy.

1st Lt. Flo McKinley

SOUTH-EAST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. MATTHEW SHARKEY

ALABAMA ★ FLORIDA ★ GEORGIA
MISSISSIPPI ★ PUERTO RICO
TENNESSEE

ALABAMA – Members of several Alabama squadrons volunteered during the Wings and Wheels Air Show at the Shelby County Airport in Alabaster, Ala.

The members helped ticket sales, moving aircraft, crowd control, and even with the concessions during the Birmingham Aero Club-sponsored event.

Shelby County Flight members set up a CAP display featuring the unit's Maule and L-23 glider. Members also rotated, working with Aero Club members, in the recruiting booth.

Members with the Bessemer Composite, 117th ANG



From left, Lt. Col. Johnny Ward, Shelby County Flight commander, presents Alabama State Senator Hank Erwin, a new CAP member, his personalized CAP shirt during the Wings and Wheels Air Show at the Shelby County Airport in Alabaster, Ala. Senator Erwin is the son of Army Air Corps Sgt. Red Erwin, a World War II Medal of Honor winner.

Composite, and Chilton County Composite squadrons, and Shelby County Flight passed out senior member and cadet brochures to visitors.

Alabama squadrons also participated in the Experimental Aviation Administration Southeast Region Fly-In held at the Evergreen, Ala., airport.

Members once again helped direct and park aircraft, and also manned a display for the Alabama Wing. Members participating were with the Tuscaloosa Composite and Maxwell Composite squadrons, and Shelby County Flight.

FLORIDA – Gainesville Composite Squadron celebrated more than 50 years of service to the community during its annual awards and recognition banquet at Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville, Fla.

In addition to squadron members and their families, attendees included Lt. Col. Jean DuBois, Group 2 commander, and Lt. Col. Valerie Brown, Florida Wing vice commander. Following the meal, Colonel Brown served as the guest speaker for the event.

The following members received awards and recognition:

- ✦ Cadet Matthew Peters – Recruiter ribbon, Red Service ribbon, Wright Brothers Award, promoted to cadet senior master sergeant and VFW NCO award nomination;
- ✦ Cadet Joseph Izarry – Wright Brothers Award and Air Force Sergeant's Association NCO Award nomination;

- ✦ Cadet Audrey Morris – Wright Brothers Award and Squadron Cadet of the Year nomination;

- ✦ Cadet Evan Stanley – Wright Brothers Award;

- ✦ Cadet Daniel Freeman – Wright Brothers Award;

- ✦ Cadet Brandi Justice – Wright Brothers Award;

- ✦ Cadet Stephen Freeman – Wright Brothers Award;

- ✦ 1st Lt. Ken Crandall – Certificate of Appreciation for Squadron Leadership School instruction;

- ✦ 1st Lt. Leslie

Ballard – Promoted to first lieutenant;

✈ 2nd Lt. Yves Prince – Leadership Ribbon; Capt. Bob Oehl – Certificate of Appreciation for fundraising assistance;

✈ 1st Lts. Greg Ashley, Gloria Ashley and Ken Crandall, 2nd Lt. Yves Prince and Capt. Tom Beukelman – gifts of thanks and appreciation for outstanding service.

Capt. Tom Beukelman, squadron commander, said, "Tonight's event was outstanding. We are very proud of the job our squadron members have done this year, and excited about what the new year has in store."

1st Lt. Leslie Ballard

FLORIDA – Florida Wing Group 9 held its annual awards banquet in the John Riddle Student Center at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Approximately 200 members and guests were present, including Florida Wing staff officers, commanders, cadets and representatives from the nine squadrons assigned to Group 9. Also attending were a large number of distinguished visitors, public officials, educators, parents, relatives and friends.

After dinner and a short intermission, the assembly was called to order for the awards presentations. 1st Lt. Robert Goodreau, Group 9 director of cadet programs, introduced special guest retired Air Force

Chief Master Sgt. Richard A. Ortega, Aerospace Education Vice President for the Central Florida Chapter of the Air Force Association.

Chief Ortega, representing Tim Brock, president of the Central Florida AFA Chapter, presented the 2004 Group 9 Cadet of the Year Award to Cadet 2nd Lt. Tyler H. Hiatt of the 8049th Composite Squadron. He was awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, a framed certificate and a one-year complimentary membership to AFA.

After the presentation, Chief Ortega commended all the group officers for their outstanding contributions to the success CAP enjoys in expanding the quality of aerospace education offered to cadets. He also reminded those present about the Air Force scholarships available to cadets interested in attending the U.S. Air Force Academy, or any Air Force ROTC detachment at participating universities.

Special recognition was given to Lieutenant Goodreau for his leadership skills in planning and conducting the awards banquet.

FLORIDA – Two members of Florida Wing's Northside Christian School Cadet Squadron have been accepted to The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

Cadets 1st Lt. Brandon Vezina and 2nd Lt. Mikell Admire have both received their certificates of acceptance



Augusta Composite Squadron members visit the U.S. Army's Hunter Air Field at Fort Stewart, Ga. While there, they were given the opportunity to fly the Apache or Blackhawk simulator used in the training of Army pilots.

to the four-year military school.

Both cadets are founding members of the Christian School squadron, which was formed in 2000 by Maj. Carol Baker, the unit's current personnel and administrative officer.

Cadet Vezina was the squadron's first cadet to receive the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award. He has served as a staff member for the 2004 Florida Wing Summer Encampment and also attended the 2003 Aerospace Education Academy in Oshkosh, Wis. He is the past cadet deputy commander and is currently the cadet aerospace education officer. He also participates in varsity track, marching band, and the concert and jazz bands.

Cadet Admire is the current cadet deputy commander and has attended the 2003 Military Music Academy in Maryland and 2004 Honor Guard Academy. He also served as a leader in the formation and development of the squadron's color guard.

Both cadets received the unit's cadet of the year award, and, in 2004, Cadet Admire was a co-recipient of the Group 8 Cadet of the Year Award.

1st Lt. Raya Vezina

GEORGIA – Eighteen Augusta Composite Squadron members visited the U.S. Army's Hunter Air Field at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Members of the Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, took time out from their preparations for redeployment back to Iraq to orient the cadets and senior members to Army aviation.

Brigade pilots gave the members tours of their aircraft, discussed their capabilities and explained how a motivated individual becomes an Army rotary-wing aviator. Each member was given the opportunity to fly the Apache or Blackhawk simulator used in the training of Army helicopter pilots.

Lt. Col. William Higgins

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

COMMANDER
COL. REX E. GLASGOW

IOWA ★ KANSAS
MINNESOTA ★ MISSOURI
NEBRASKA ★ NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTH DAKOTA

IOWA – More than a dozen East Iowa Cadet Squadron members participated in an Iowa Wing search and rescue exercise.

The exercise mobilized wing units from across the state and featured various preplanned training scenarios around Dubuque and Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Air and ground teams conducted five sorties near Dubuque involving searches for a missing fisherman and aircraft. The event drew the attention of KWWL-TV News, which aired two segments on its nightly news broadcast that evening.

Aircrews based at the Fort Dodge Regional Airport conducted five sorties with aircrews assigned to the 133rd Air National Guard post there. The scenarios included a downed aircraft and lost hiker, as well as aerial photography of "disaster areas" from 1,000-plus feet. A *Fort Dodge Messenger* reporter was present to cover the story in that community.

East Iowa Cadet Squadron cadets participating were: Capts. Don Church and Bruce Tiemann, 2nd Lts. Ryan Muller, Brad Oglesby and Bill Seeley, and Tanner Ayers-Berry, Luke Conrad, Landon Jones, Heather Houg, Chris Oglesby, Brianna Reeves, Taylor Seeley, Trey Seeley and Andrew Tiemann.

Capt. Bruce Tiemann

MINNESOTA – Cadet Tech. Sgt. Mitch Arnet of the North Hennepin Squadron was a recipient of the Outstanding Leadership in Cadet Aerospace Education Award at the Royal Cliff Banquet Facility in Eagan, Minn.

The award was presented on behalf of the Gen. E.W. Rawlings Chapter of the Air Force Association and Chapter 858 of the Air Force Sergeants' Association.

Maj. Gen. Larry W. Shellito, adjutant general of the Minnesota Army National Guard, was the keynote speaker and presenter.

Special guests attending the banquet were: Col. Steve Miller, Minnesota Wing commander; Lt. Col. Thomas Kettel, Minnesota Wing vice commander; and Col. Kevin Sliwinsky, Minnesota Wing

1st Lt. David Hobson

MISSOURI – More than 90 Pegasus Composite Squadron members, and their family members and guests attended the unit's sixth annual dining out.

Special guests attending the banquet included two local city officials: Sam Richards, a councilman from Crystal City, Mo., and Frank Rolland, mayor of Hillsboro, Mo.

This year's keynote speaker was U.S. Air Force Reserve Maj. Roxane Rienhart from the North Central Region Reserve Assistance and Liaison program, who spoke on the Air Force's core values.

The following awards were



From left, Cadet 2nd Lt. Tyler H. Hiatt accepts the 2004 Group 9 Cadet of the Year Award from retired U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Richard A. Ortega, who is the Aerospace Education Vice President for the Central Florida Chapter of the Air Force Association.

presented:

- ✈️ Amelia Earhart Award – Cadet Capt. Aaron Birkett;
- ✈️ Gen. Billy Mitchell Award – Cadet 2nd Lts. Patrick McPhail and Cody Bishop;
- ✈️ Wright Brother's Award – Cadets Tech Sgt. Anthony Lannigan and Staff Sgts. Anthony Armijo and Jordan Peery;
- ✈️ Commander's Commendations – Capt. Bob Stusse, and 2nd Lts. Cheryl Wycoff and Tammy Mazdra;
- ✈️ Cadet of the Year (tie) – Cadets Senior Master Sgt. Lesley Smith and Master Sgt. Jordan Birkett;
- ✈️ Cadet NCO of the Year – Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Amanda Hoekel;
- ✈️ Cadet Officer of the Year – Cadet 2nd Lt. Patrick McPhail;
- ✈️ Cadet Airman of the Year – Cadet Airman 1st Class Jaclyn McPhail;
- ✈️ Senior Member of the Year – 2nd Lt. Tammy Mazdra, who currently serves as the squadron's deputy commander.

In addition to the above awards, Maj. Tracy Birkett, Pegasus squadron commander, presented the Aerospace Award of Excellence to the squadron, and presented certificates to 2nd Lts. Steven Brust and Dawn Peery for participating.

Ground team badges were awarded to: Cadets Chief Master Sgt. Amanda Hoekel, Master Sgt. Dylan Baker, Staff Sgts. Amber Mazdra and Jordan Peery, 2nd Lt. Steven Brust, Airman 1st Class Jaclyn McPhail, and Airmen Zach Wycoff, Matthew Bailey, Demetrius Terry, Bethany

Mazdra, Ryan Smith, Nick Rueve and Jaime Mazdra.

Capt. Robert Stusse

NORTH DAKOTA — The annual North Dakota Wing Leadership Academy was held at Hector International Airport in Fargo, N.C., home of the 119th Air National Guard's 119th Fighter Wing. Twenty-three North Dakota Wing cadets graduated from the academy.

The cadet commander was Cadet Maj. MacKinsey Nygaard of the 119th ANG Cadet Squadron.

The attendees were split into groups based on grade. Cadet airmen were split into followership and basic principles of CAP classes, while cadet noncommissioned officers and officers attended advanced leadership and instruction classes.

The cadet airmen learned lessons like followership, drill and ceremonies, appropriate ways to take the peer fitness trainer exam, and proper uniform wear. Cadet NCOs learned lessons on leadership, uniform-inspection techniques, how to give and score a physical fitness exam, and how to apply for national special activities.

The weekend was topped off by a trip to see an Army OH-58 Kiowa helicopter and a Drug Demand Reduction presentation by U.S. Army



North Dakota Wing Leadership Academy students pose with U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Tom Mitchell after touring an OH-58 helicopter during the wing's annual leadership academy in Fargo, N.D.

Chief Warrant Officer Tom Mitchell. Each cadet had a chance to sit in the helicopter's cockpit and wear Warrant Officer Mitchell's helmet.

Maj. Erik Ludlow

NORTH DAKOTA – The 119th ANG Cadet Squadron held its annual cadet change-of-command ceremony with Cadet 2nd Lt. Christine Flatt passing command on to Cadet 2nd Lt. Chris Halvorson.

Cadet Flatt served as cadet commander for one year. During her time, the squadron hosted or attended many activities, including several search and rescue academies, a leadership academy, an encampment, and a wing conference.

The squadron was also visited by the Fargo Police dog team, Fargo SWAT team, Red River Valley water search and rescue dive team, and several other organizations that came out to speak with the members. The squadron also participated in CAP's Aerospace Education Excellence campaign.

The following awards and promotions were presented by Maj. Erik Ludlow, squadron commander, and director of Cadet Programs for the North Dakota Wing:

- ✈️ Cadet Tech Sgt. Seth Stoltenow – promoted to master sergeant;
- ✈️ Cadet Staff Sgt. Tyler Hetland – Wright Brothers Award;
- ✈️ Cadet 2nd Lt. Chris Halvorson – Junior Cadet of the Year award;
- ✈️ Cadet Maj. MacKinsey

presentation with a demonstration of how snipers move into their positions on the battlefield.

Maj. Erik Ludlow

SOUTHWEST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. THOMAS L. TODD

ARIZONA ★ ARKANSAS
LOUISIANA ★ NEW MEXICO
OKLAHOMA ★ TEXAS

ARIZONA – Thirteen cadets with Arizona Wing's Deer Valley Composite Squadron traveled to the Salvation Army Distribution Center in Phoenix, Ariz., and helped distribute toys and food to families in need.

The cadets distributed 750 food boxes weighing 35 pounds each, to 700 families. About 1,000 toys were handed out during the five-hour shift.

The cadets were responsible for taking pre-selected bags of toys and food boxes, and loading them into vehicles with a number on the window matching the number on the bags.

Cadets participating were: Capt. Cameron Phillips; 2nd Lts. Jeremy

Nygaard – Cadet of the Year Award; and

✈️ Capt. Steve Olsund – voted Senior Member of the Year (voted on by the cadets) for the second year in a row.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation by former CAP cadet and now U.S. Marine Cpl. Lance Corporal Preston Nygaard. Corporal Nygaard, a Gen. Billy Mitchell Award recipient, has served one tour in Iraq. A recent graduate from Marine Corps sniper school, he will return to Iraq this summer.

Corporal Nygaard shared his Iraq experiences and souvenirs with the members. He also described how being a CAP cadet helped him in the Marine Corps. He ended his



Hillsboro (Mo.) Mayor Frank Roland, left, and Maj. Tracy Birkett, Pegasus Composite Squadron commander, "pin" captain epaulets on Cadet Capt. Aaron Birkett during the squadron's sixth annual dining out. Cadet Birkett also received his Amelia Earhart Award just before the "pinning" ceremony.



Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 cadets 2nd Lt. Britt Yazel, left, and Senior Airman Colleen Shull help the Salvation Army distribute toys and food to families in need.

Photo by 1st Lt. Martin Maxwell

Photo by Lt. Col. Cynthia Whisnand



Cadet Capt. Patrik Tippet of Texas Wing's Dallas Composite Squadron explains the controls and gauges inside the cockpit of the squadron's Cessna C-172 search and rescue airplane to a group of students during the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Career Expo, while Capt. Owen Younger, squadron commander, looks on in the background.

Duncan, Britt Yazel, Kyle Dewitt and Matthew Ramage; Senior Airman Coleen Shull; Airmen 1st Class Preston Maxwell, Nyssa Spahr and Brandyn Burke; Airmen Tyler Rowe, Kristopher Hill and Brad Bence, and Airman Basic William Mead.

The cadets were under the supervision of Maj. Newton Meuhleisen.

1st Lt. Martin Maxwell

OKLAHOMA – Oklahoma Wing members gathered for a two-day emergency services training session at Lake Thunderbird State Park in Norman, Okla. The event was hosted by members of the Flying Castle Composite Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

On Saturday, members came from all over Oklahoma to learn basic ES skills, including litter carrying, searching for emergency locator transmitter signals and missing persons, conducting a line search, and radio communications.

On Sunday, members were joined by an ES search and rescue dog team from Moore, Okla. They learned about the different dogs and participated in a SAR exercise with them.

1st Lt. Richard Sugarman

TEXAS – More than 120 cadets, senior members, parents and friends attended the Pegasus Composite Squadron's annual holiday party and awards banquet at

the Texas Armed Forces Museum on Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas.

Chief Warrant Officer Ron McGahen of the Texas Army National Guard flew in an AH-64 Apache helicopter and landed on the parade grounds, giving everyone an up-close view of the Apache.

Honored guest, U.S. Air Force Maj. Michael D. Nelson presented three cadets – 2nd Lts. Will Taylor, Richard Pope, Jr. and Bradley Cilino – their Gen. Billy Mitchell awards.

Texas Governor Rick Perry was unable to attend, but sent certificates congratulating the cadets on their achievement. The certificates from the governor were presented by Chief Warrant Officer McGahen.

Other awards presented were:

- ✈ 25-year service award – Lt. Cols. Deborah French and Martin Dorantes;

- ✈ Certificate of Proficiency – 1st Lt. Pam Devine;

- ✈ Senior Member of the Year – 2nd Lt. Daren Jaeger;

- ✈ Historian Technical Rating – 2nd Lt. Daren Jaeger;

- ✈ Red Service Ribbon – Cadets Preston Edget and Peter French;

- ✈ Recruiter Ribbon – Cadet Peter French;

- ✈ Wright Brothers Award – Cadets Bradley Cilino, Peter French, Kevin Glenn and Richard Pope;

- ✈ First Orientation Flight – Cadets Jessica Shockley, Alex Burgess and

received certificates.
2nd Lt. Daren Jaeger

TEXAS — Members of the Dallas Composite Squadron were invited to participate in the first Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Career Expo in December 2004, hosted by the Federal Aviation Administration members and DFW's Public Relations Department.

A squadron Cessna C-172 was on static display alongside many other airplanes and helicopters outside the American Airlines maintenance hangar. More than 3,000 students and teachers stopped to look at the airplane, receive pamphlets and talk with CAP members who educated them on the history of CAP and its members' missions.

The squadron was honored to be included alongside exhibitors such as Raytheon, Texas Air National Guard, FAA, American Airlines and Boeing.

Among the squadron members participating was Capt. Owen Younger, squadron commander. He said it was very rewarding for him to share his love of aviation with young people. "As a former cadet, I know firsthand how much impact it can have on young people," he said.

Captain Younger also flew the squadrons C-172 in and out of one of the country's largest and busiest airports. "I had to taxi the Cessna 172 across the entire airport, three runways and the Alpha

Elizabeth West; ✈ Model Rocketry Patch, Badge – and Certificate – Cadets Alex Burgess, Bradley Cilino, Michael Devine, Rapael Erie, Peter French, Kevin Glenn, Steven Hamman, Richard Pope, Sean Stewart and Will Taylor, and Michael Moody of the Apollo Composite Squadron.

Everyone who participated in the Aerospace Education Excellence program also

Bridge over the highway that runs down the center of the airport. Once I got to the east side of the airport, I had to wait in line with all the big jets for my departure."

CAP and the squadron received great public visibility that day. Thousands of students, teachers and exhibitors who had never heard of CAP became familiar with the organization, and its purpose and service to both America and local communities..

Capt. Sherry Coffey

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

COMMANDER
COL. LYNDY C. ROBINSON

COLORADO • IDAHO
MONTANA • UTAH
WYOMING

COLORADO – Broomfield Composite Squadron members collected school supplies for children in the Baghdad area.

The supplies were sent to U.S. Army Capt. Elizabeth Willett for Operation Backpack at Camp Falcon in Iraq.

Assisted by the Bible School of Family In Christ Community Church, the squadron sent 60 boxes of notebook paper, pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, colored construction paper, theme books, textbooks, backpacks, erasers, pencil sharpeners and chalk. The total weight of the boxes was 1,285 pounds.

The boxes were flown to Kuwait and picked up at the Fed-Ex warehouse by Lt. Col. Dane Powell of the 1856th Aviation Unit in Kuwait. The boxes were then flown to Captain Willett's unit and delivered to the children.

Stationed with a communications unit, Captain Willett is in charge of setting up the school system in the Baghdad area. She is the grand-

daughter of Lt. Col. Nancy Hollis, squadron public affairs officer.

Those helping with the drive and packing were: Cadets Master Sgt. Aaron Carmack; Senior Airman Phillip Readle; Airmen 1st Class Mitchel Edwards and Stephanie Lemelin; Airmen Marcus Heninger and Brett Harguth; and Airman Basic Michelle Lemelin; and senior members Lt. Col. Nancy Hollis, Capt. Ron Powers and Charles Ramsey; and Anna Lemelin.

Lt. Col. Nancy Hollis

IDAHO – Cadet noncommissioned officers with the Coeur d'Alene Composite Squadron participated in an NCO academy in Cheney, Wash.

Seven cadet NCOs learned about the history, and roles and responsibilities of the NCO from Coeur d'Alene Composite Squadron instructors.

During the academy, cadets had the opportunity to exchange and practice their leadership skills, and reinforce the lessons with team-building and communication exercises.

Members participating were: Cadets 1st Lts. Patrick Bethke, cadet commander; and John Kohl, deputy cadet commander; 2nd Lts. James Heilman, executive officer; and Matthew Bethke; Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Newby; Staff Sgt. Samuel Kohl; Senior Airman Zachary Kling; and Airmen First Class Jesse Mingus, Jason Edwards, Michael Cuentas and Alexis Mingus; and senior member Lt. Col. Rande Lindner.

1st Lt. Jeremy R. Licha

WYOMING – Wyoming Wing and Rocky Mountain Region members braved snowy Wyoming weather to attend the wing conference at the Trail's End Officers Club at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo.

The project officer for the conference was the wing's new vice commander, Capt. Mark Whitaker.

Seminars included CPR training, and a basic radio operator's class, and a corporate learning course was also held.

A highlight of the

conference was the keynote speaker, CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless. In his comments, he stated the Wyoming Wing will receive one of the first Cessna C182Ts with glass cockpit. Delivery is scheduled for sometime early in 2005.

The senior member of the year was Capt. B.J. Carlson, Cody Cadet Squadron commander. Cadet of the year was Cadet Maj. Douglas Crow of Casper Cadet Squadron. The wing moral leadership officer of the year was 2nd Lt. Rita Malone of Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Group.

The 2004-05 Cadet Advisory Council also met together for the first time during the conference.

Maj. Susan McDonald

PACIFIC REGION

COMMANDER
COL. MERLE V. STARR

ALASKA ★ CALIFORNIA
HAWAII ★ NEVADA
OREGON ★ WASHINGTON

ALASKA – More than 30 senior members participated in a squadron leadership school presented by Kenai Composite Squadron in the squadron hangar in Kenai, Alaska.

Members and presenters came from Seward, Homer, Anchorage, Soldotna and Kenai, Alaska.

The courses included: liaison structure, human resources, professional image, progressing in CAP, effective communications, aerospace education, cadet program, operations, and evaluations.

Kenai Squadron consists of 81 senior members and 15 cadets, and has two primary missions – aerospace education and a cadet program. CAP is a volunteer organization.

Organizers of the SLS were Maj. O.E. "Gene" Moyer, director, and 1st Lt. John Landua, assistant director, both with the Kenai

Squadron.

Col. Robert Brouillette, Alaska Wing commander, led the opening ceremony. Retired Air Force Col. Harry Whitaker, Alaska Wing state director, led a discussion detailing the relationship between CAP and the U.S. Air Force.

Kenai Composite Squadron presenters included: Col. Tom Thibodeau, squadron safety officer; Maj. Henry Knackstedt, squadron commander; Maj. Richard Woodin, squadron standards and evaluation officer; Capt. John Bittle, squadron deputy commander for cadets; Capt. Jan Bobek, squadron senior aerospace education officer; and Cadet 1st Lt. Paul McBride, squadron cadet commander.

Other presenters included: Maj. Jim McCarthy, Alaska Wing emergency services officer; Maj. John Nealon, Alaska Wing homeland security officer; Capt. Michael O'Keefe, Alaska Wing logistics officer; 1st Lt. Kathleen O'Keefe, Alaska Wing professional development officer; and 1st Lt. Mike Coffing, Homer Composite Squadron commander.

Capt. Jan

Bobek

& 1st Lt. John

Landua

CALIFORNIA – Members of the South Bay Senior Squadron, which is based at Torrance Airport, Calif., held its annual awards dinner honoring outstanding members with plaques and certificates of appreciation.

The special "Spark Plug Award" was presented to 2nd Lt. Richard H. Erickson in recognition of his work as communications officer, special projects officer, and training for scanner, mission pilot and certified flight instructor.

Other awards presented were:

✦ Staff Officer of the Year – 2nd Lt. John A. Cioffi, finance officer;

✦ Pilot of the Year – Lt. Col. John F. Hofer, standards/evaluation officer, aircraft manager and senior check pilot;

✦ Mission Pilot of the Year – Capt. William J. Parker, operations officer;

✦ Senior Member of the Year – 1st Lt. Billy Villareal, emergency services officer; and

✦ Instructor of the Year – Capt. Paul L. Krause, safety officer and check pilot.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to:

✦ Capt. James A. Russell, deputy commander and check pilot;

✦ Lt. Col. Howard S. Mellin, assistant deputy commander and mission pilot;

✦ Capt. Rudy Melson, aerospace education officer;

✦ Lt. Col. William Fraser, current operations officer and mission pilot;

✦ Maj. Donald K. Caprio, flight release officer;

✦ Capt. June M. Johnston, historian and testing officer;

✦ Capt. Gordon L. Hughes, safety officer; and

✦ 2nd Lt. Geraldine S. Katten, administrative and testing officer.

A special plaque was dedicated in honor of retired Air Force Lt. Col. Henry "Bill" Waldman. Colonel Waldman was killed in the tragic crash of his airplane

on Christmas Day, along with his wife and wing member, Vickie, and his daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren.

Colonel Waldman was a senior check pilot and instructor, and well-known and highly regarded by hundreds of southern California Wing pilots and members. He served as a key member of the squadron, and as the assistant director of aircraft management for the California Wing.

Maj. Stan Katten, completing his first year as squadron commander, said, "The award recipients, along with all the rest of the participating squadron members, including a total of 14 wing pilots, are what makes the Senior Bay Squadron, California Wing and the Civil Air Patrol the most successful and vital volunteer organization in the country."

Maj. Stan

Katten

CALIFORNIA – Senior Flying Squadron 40 members and friends raised over \$5,000 for distribution to needy Marine Corps families

during the Christmas holidays.

Fifty one-hundred dollar bills, Christmas gifts of clothing, toys and food boxes were delivered to Marine Corps families in pay grades E1, E2 and E3 stationed at Miramar Naval Air Station and Twenty-nine Palms the week before Christmas. An additional 40 boxes of food were delivered to Marine families at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Local grocers and merchants donated a variety of new clothing and toys to add to the 140 food boxes, which contained complete Christmas dinners, including turkeys and all the "trimmings."

Maj. Gene Wolf, squadron commander, and Capt. Harley Broviak and Sr. Mbr. Bob Kudler delivered the gifts to the Marine families.

Initiated by Captain Broviak in 1997, this was the seventh year the squadron has given to needy Marine families.

Maj. Gene

Wolf

OREGON – More than 50 family members attended the McMinnville Composite Squadron awards ceremony at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Ore.

Guest speakers were Col. Steve Senderling, Oregon Wing commander, Mary Stern, Yamhill County commissioner, and Gary Arnold, vice president of Operations for the Evergreen Aviation Museum.

Other special guests attending were: Lt. Col. Jim Howell, Oregon Wing vice commander; Lt. Col. Ted Kyle, Oregon Wing chief of staff; Kathy George, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners chairman; Bob Moca, Yamhill County Emergency Management coordinator; Ryan Lillie, education director for the museum; and Terry Neig, Evergreen Aviation property manager.

Capt. David Peterson, squadron commander, presented cadet 1st Lts. Kevin Warner and Josh Sears their Gen. Billy Mitchell awards.

Cadet Sears serves as the squadron cadet commander, and Cadet Warner

TOP CALIFORNIA CADET



Photo by 2nd Lt. Lisa Giles

From left, California Wing Commander Col. Virginia M. Nelson shakes the hand of Cadet 2nd Lt. Matthew Giles of the Corona Cadet Squadron after presenting him with the wing's Cadet NCO of the Year Award during the California Wing conference in Sacramento, Calif. Cadet Giles also received a Commander's Commendation for his outstanding duty performance.

is the squadron deputy cadet commander.

Other awards presented were:

✈ Squadron Cadet of the Year – Cadet Staff Sgt. Nathan Lamis;

✈ Most Improved Cadet – Cadet Airman 1st Class Peter Newman;

✈ Shawn Peters NCO Award – Cadet Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan; and

✈ Senior Member of the Year – Lt. Col. Robert Ledden, squadron chaplain.

It was also announced the squadron has been awarded a \$2,500 Community/Volunteer Grant from the Macerich Company. The company is the parent company of Washington Square Shopping Center in Tigard, Ore.

Lt. Col. Les Peterson

WASHINGTON – Thirty members of the Washington Wing participated in the third Basic Mission Aircrew School at Thun Field in Puyallup, Wash.

In early 2003, Capt. Rob Nesbit with Washington Wing Headquarters and a captain in the U.S. Army, approached Washington Wing Commander Col. Roy Stephenson with the idea of qualifying and training

scanners and observers over a three-weekend period using written material, classroom instruction and hands-on flying exercises.

Several U.S. Air Force personnel were impressed with the concept and content of the training, especially the two-to-one ratio of instructors to students. This gave the 10 students participating in this class the advantage of intensive personal mentorship.

The aircrew school method replaced the old system, which took scanner and observer candidates as many as two years to become fully qualified to participate in missions. The wing is now able to meet the needs of its customers through the use of a cadre of motivated and qualified personnel, whereas crew shortages under the old system impaired the wing's ability to be a useful asset to state search and rescue agencies.

Students undergo an arduous curriculum consisting of a pre-course workbook and 10 pre-course homework

lessons, as well as a ground school in the classroom consisting of 32 hours of instruction.

Each graduate flew five standardized sorties with a wing-rated instructor observer. The instructor observer focused on ensuring all cockpit tasks of the mission observer were performed to standard by the graduates.

The following members graduated: Maj. Ken Andrus, Mount Rainier Composite Squadron; Maj. Gary Johnson, Port Angeles Composite Squadron; Capt. Mike Talley, Arlington Composite Squadron; 1st Lt. John Reno, Seattle Composite Squadron; 2nd Lt. Brandon George (distinguished honor graduate), Paine Field Composite Squadron; 2nd Lt. Lisa Parriott, Seattle Composite Squadron; and Sr. Mbr. Harlan Zentner, Renton Composite Squadron.

All of the graduates were awarded the CAP aeronautical rating of mission observer and silver wings of a CAP observer. Graduates also earned the emergency services qualification of mission scanner.

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